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## *1,600 INDIAN COs GOT $1 BN FDI FROM CHINA DURING 2016-2020*

**Over the past four years, China pumped in $1,020.25 million to Indian firms across various sectors, according to govt data**

### BIG MONEY FOR AUTO, SERVICES SECTORS

These companies were in 46 sectors. Out of them, the automobile industry, printing of books (including litho printing industry), electronics, services and electrical equipment received more than $100 million FDI each from China. The automobile industry received the highest FDI at $172 million, while the services sector attracted funds worth $139.65 million

### BUT SLOWDOWN IN OVERALL CASH FLOW

- However, there has been a decline in FDI inflow from China in the past three years with FDI coming down to $163.77 million in 2019-20 from $350.22 million in 2017-18, government data showed
- The outflow from India to China also came down drastically, from $49.2 million in 2017 to $20.63 million in 2020

**78%**

**YEAR-ON-YEAR RISE IN INDIA'S EXPORTS TO CHINA IN JUNE, ACCORDING TO CRISIL**

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

An IAF transport aircraft brings supplies to a base in Ladakh on Tuesday | PTI

# Govt committed to peace, ready for any challenge

Rajnath makes statement on LAC stand-off, calls out Chinese aggression, troop build-up

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday told Parliament that the government is committed to peacefully resolving the ongoing stand-off with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) but is prepared to face any challenge.

"India is fully determined to defend its borders and it has, through high-level meetings with Chinese counterparts, proposed several measures that, if implemented, could de-escalate tensions at the LAC," he said in a statement in the Lok Sabha.

Since the Speaker did not allow any discussion saying that was what the House had agreed upon, the Congress staged a walkout, saying "they blocked the discussion because they don't have answers."

Singh explained how the situation snowballed into the Galwan Valley violence on June 15 that led to the death of 20 Indian troops. "In early May, the Chinese side had taken action to hinder the normal, traditional patrolling pattern of our troops in the Galwan Valley area, which resulted in a face-off. Even as this situation was being addressed by the ground commanders our bilateral agreements and protocol, in mid-May the Chinese side made several attempts to transgress the LAC in other parts of the western sector. This included Kongka La, Gogra and North Bank of Pangong Lake. These attempts were detected early and responded to appropriately by our armed forces," he said.

To resolve the increasing friction, both sides held a meeting on June 6 and decided to desist from taking any measure to aggravate the situation further. "However, the agreements were disregarded by China by making heavy deployment of forces. Owing to their actions, there has been further friction."

In the Galwan violence, Indian soldiers "inflicted cost, including casualties on the Chinese side," Singh added. The current situation, he said, is because of the difference of perception regarding the LAC.

Both sides know their claim lines, which was why various CBMs were concluded. "The problem lies in the nature of the LAC which is not defined on the ground. This gives either side the freedom to change the status quo if they trash the CBMs. This is exactly what has happened in eastern Ladakh," said B R Deepak, Sinologist and chairperson of the Centre for Chinese and South Asian Studies at JNU. P9

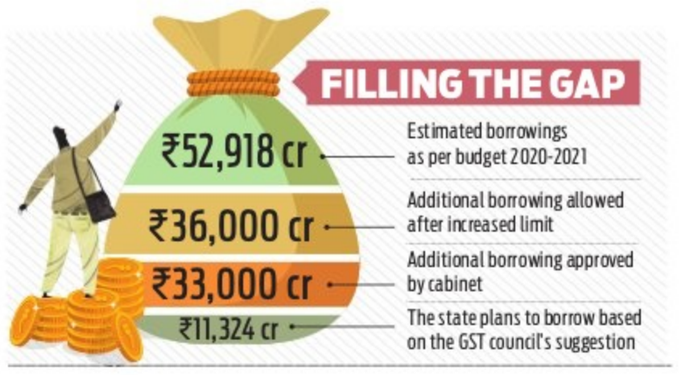
# K'taka to borrow ₹33K cr more to cover revenue loss

**ANUSHA RAVI** @ Bengaluru

WITH the Covid-19-induced lockdown severely affecting revenues, the Karnataka Cabinet on Tuesday approved an amendment to the Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act (KFRA) to increase the state's borrowing limit to 5 per cent of GSDP instead of the existing 3 per cent. In effect, this will allow the state to raise an additional Rs 36,000 crore in loans without violating fiscal discipline under the KFRA.

The State Cabinet has also approved plans to borrow Rs 33,000 crore out of the enhanced borrowing limit which will be spent not just as capital investment, but also as expenditure on development activities that have been stalled due to shortage of funds. The amendment Bill will be introduced in the upcoming Assembly session.

The Centre, in May, increased reform-linked borrowing limit for states from 3 per cent to 5 per cent for the 2020-2021 fiscal, anticipating a loss of revenue. "An amendment will be made to Section 4 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act to allow additional borrowing up to 5 per cent of GSDP. We will borrow Rs 33,000 crore as a one-time measure. Currently, our borrowing is at about Rs 40,000-47,000 crore and an additional Rs 33,000 crore will be fresh loans. We generally borrow only for capital expenditure but this additional loan will be used for development activities too," Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy told reporters. He acknowledged that various development activities had been stalled due to dearth of funds, but added that the government had not run out of funds.


FILLING THE GAP
Estimated borrowings as per budget 2020-2021
₹52,918 cr
Additional borrowing allowed after increased limit
₹36,000 cr
Additional borrowing approved by cabinet
₹33,000 cr
The state plans to borrow based on the GST council's suggestion
₹11,324 cr

Section 4 of the KFRA deals with Fiscal Management Principles to ensure state debts, guarantees and liabilities are maintained at prudent levels. Three fiscal parameters of the KFRA mandate adequate revenue surplus, total liabilities to be under 25 per cent of GSDP and fiscal deficit to be under 3 per cent of the GSDP. The estimated fiscal deficit for Karnataka for 2020-2021, as per the budget speech, was 2.55 per cent of the GSDP. With the borrowing limit raised to 5 per cent, the state will be able to borrow more without violating fiscal norms.

In his 2020-2021 budget speech, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had estimated total borrowings at Rs 52,918 crore. But, in the lockdown scenario, the state has opted for additional borrowing. P7

## Flipkart to hire 70,000 directly, create lakhs of indirect jobs

BENGALURU: E-commerce major Flipkart will hire 70,000 people directly and lakhs of other for indirect seasonal roles ahead of the Big Billion Days festival season sales. These opportunities have been created in Flipkart's supply chain ecosystem including delivery executives, pickers, packers and sorters whereas the contractual hires will be at seller partner locations and kiranas. It is also targetting job creation in ancillary industries including vendor locations and freight partners, the Bengaluru headquartered e-tailer said. P12

## After Toyota buzz on taxes, K'taka minister cites reforms

BENGALURU: A day after Toyota Kirloskar Motor Vice-President Shekar Viswanathan said that Toyota Motor Corp won't expand further in India due to the high tax regime, Karnataka Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar said, "We have brought in progressive measures like the industrial policy, Land Reforms Act and so on. There are many inquiries and proposals regarding fresh investments." TKM Vice-Chairman Vikram Kirloskar on Tuesday confirmed that the company will invest over Rs 2,000 crore in the next 12 months, refuting Viswanathan's statement. P3, 12

## Hands-on training, technology, IoT to be part of ITI skilling

BENGALURU: The State Government is working on a plan to upgrade Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to train students in the latest technologies to take up self-employment, or get absorbed in related industries. Every year, around 80,000 students graduate from 270 government and 1,115 private institutions that train students in various engineering and non-engineering trades during one-year to three-year courses. A blueprint for upgrading government ITIs is now being created with focus on Industry 4.0 and also working with industry partners. P3

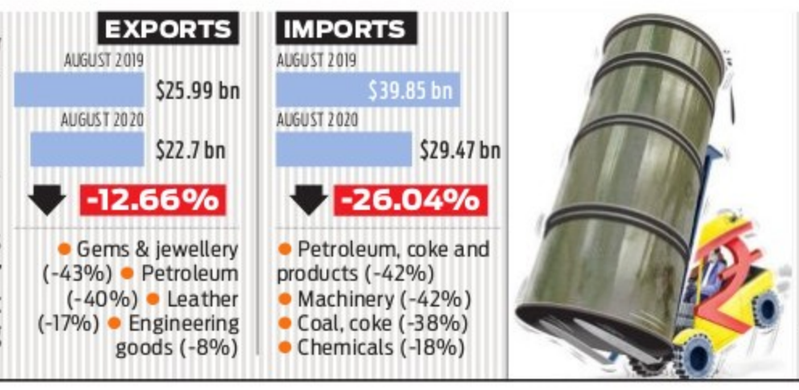
## Pak peddles fake map, India walks out of meeting

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ New Delhi

NATIONAL Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Tuesday walked out of a meeting of NSAs of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in protest after the Pakistani representative used a "fictitious" map showing Indian territories as part of Pakistan. Pakistan's action was "in blatant disregard to the advisory by the host (Russia)," Foreign Office spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said. P9

## *Big fall in exports, imports*

**India's exports contracted for the 6th straight month in Aug**






**TRADE DEFICIT**

August 2019: **$13.86** billion
August 2020: **$6.77** billion

**CRUDE OIL IMPORTS**

Oil imports in Aug 2020 were $6.42 bn, compared with $11 bn in the same month last year. This was largely due to the dip in global Brent prices | P12

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry

# ₹781 cr MGNREGS wages still unpaid

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

WHILE the rural employment scheme extended a lifeline to millions of migrant workers who were forced to return to their villages from cities during the Covid-19 lockdown, its implementation has been hampered by unpaid wages to the tune of ₹781 crore.

According to data from the Rural Development Ministry, ₹781.14 crore worth of fund transfer orders (FTOs) for payment of wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) are pending in States and Union Territories.

The pendency comes at a time when the scheme has seen record rise in demand for work owing to the lockdown. The months of June and July saw a huge spike in demand for works under the scheme following the influx of returning migrant workers.

**Waiting for payment**
(Figures in ₹ lakh)

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| Andhra Pradesh | 2,283.26 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 4,673.56 |
| Jharkhand | 2,686.57 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 5,923.87 |
| Mizoram | 4,150.89 |
| Punjab | 6,386.82 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 12,178.29 |
| West Bengal | 39,757.05 |
| Puducherry | 74.10 |

The Centre said fund release is a continuous process. "Wage payment is made on regular basis. Under DBT (direct benefit transfer), wage payment is made directly to the bank/post office account of the beneficiary by the Centre after receiving the FTO from States. The aim is to clear pendency on daily basis," the government said in response to a question on pendency of wages under MGNREGS.

According to officials, the Centre usually transfers funds to state governments, which, in turn, release the funds to districts. The Centre does not release funds directly to districts.

Experts say if the government wants to get the economy on track, it must clear pending wages at the earliest.

"The scheme is the country's best bet in reviving the economy. It is important that the government handles the scheme properly and does not let pendency of wages affect its implementation," an expert on rural development and a former professor at IIM-A said.

**CAUGHT IN A JAM**

# DRUG TRADE DRAGS IN UNWARY FARMERS

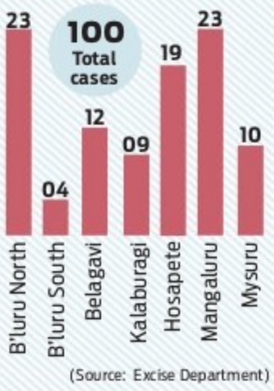
**ASHWINI M SRIPAD**
@ Bengaluru

CAUGHT amidst fluctuating prices for agricultural produce and lured by the prospect of some easy money, some farmers in the state are unwittingly falling prey to drug cartels. In the past one year, at least 100 cases have been registered in the state, including against farmers, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

According to data from the State Excise Department, 1,060 marijuana/ganja plants grown on farmlands were seized and destroyed in the past year. Each plant can yield up to 6-7 kg of ganja. A senior official from the Department of Agriculture, said that with drought and floods, and prices of agricultural produce crashing, some farmers tend to grow ganja as it is lucrative. P4

**CAUGHT IN THE WEB**

No. of cases registered under NDPS Act (July 2019-June 2020)




(Source: Excise Department)

A CCB police team during the raid on 'House of Life', a four-acre luxury residence of Aditya Alva, at Mariyannanapalya near Hebbal on Tuesday morning | SHRIRAM BN

**ALL IN A DAY**

- CCB police summons actor-couple **Diganth Manchale** and **Aindrita Ray** appear before them on Wednesday
- On her first night in jail, actor **Ragini Dwivedi** is said to have stayed awake till morning and cried most of the time
- Probe into drug raids across the country by the NCB has revealed that in some cases, transactions were carried out with overseas drug dealers through bitcoins on dark web
- Bengaluru police have arrested five drug peddlers in separate cases and seized 17.5 kg of ganja and 2 kg of charas

FULL REPORT: P4

# Police swoop down on absconding Aditya Alva's swanky 'House of Life'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru

THE Central Crime Branch (CCB) police, who are probing the Sandalwood drug racket case, on Tuesday raided the swanky residence of absconding accused Aditya Alva, at Mariyannanapalya near Hebbal.

Alva, who is named as accused No. 6 in the FIR registered in Cottonpet police station, has been absconding ever since the FIR was registered. Alva is the son of former Karnataka minister Jeevaraj Alva and brother-in-law of Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi.

As part of the ongoing probe into the drugs case, the CCB police obtained a search warrant and raided Alva's home, 'House of Life'. The luxury property was also used as a venue to hold big events and parties.

"The property is spread across four acres and was purchased by Alva's father. Investigations have revealed that it was a hub of parties where drugs were consumed. Two laptops, a computer and a digital video recorder were seized from the residence and the staff were questioned," an official said.

It is believed that the property manager Ramdas has been picked up by the CCB police for questioning.

Alva is said to have fled down south. "We have information that he is changing places and was in Mumbai and Delhi for a few days. We are trying to trace him and will nab him," the official added.

Meanwhile, a recent accident involving the car belonging to an actress is being linked to a party organsied by Aditya Alva. "The actress had attended the party at Alva's residence and was returning home when her car met with an accident. We are probing the links between the actress and Alva," a source said.

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### BSF foils major infiltration bid in J&K

Jammu: The Border Security Force on Tuesday foiled a major infiltration bid by five heavily armed terrorists along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district. The terrorists fled back to the Pakistani side after being confronted by the border guard force.

### 'Re-purposed HCQ used for mild cases'

New Delhi: Re-purposed hydroxychloroquine is being used for mild but high-risk and moderate Covid-19 cases, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said in the RS on Tuesday. The health ministry has issued 10.84 crore tablets of the drug to states and Union Territories as on September 11.

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Gulikakala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Yamaganda: 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 20°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Light showers. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.19 pm
Moonrise 4.51 am
Moonset 5.43 pm



RECLAIMING LUNG SPACES

# Forest, revenue depts spar over land in suburbs

## Encroachment cases reach Chief Secy, courts hearing cases

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH land becoming a prized possession in Bengaluru, no one wants to part with their property, even if it is a government body.

Karnataka's forest and revenue departments are at daggers drawn over forest pockets, especially in Jakkur, the suburb where not just commercial and residential properties stand, but where many influential individuals, including politicians, own land.

The matter has escalated to the high-level committee headed by the Chief Secretary. Some of these cases are still being heard in courts.

A senior government official said that according to records presented before the committee by the forest department, there are 35 forest blocks around Bengaluru, comprising Turahalli, Machohalli and Bhootanahalli among others, spread across 11,000 acres of which 600-700 acres have been encroached. Of this land, the revenue department has staked claim over 300 acres.

While the forest department stated that the said lands belonged to them, revenue department officials said that as commercial, industrial and residential buildings have come up on those lands, they cannot be reclaimed.

"We have government records which show that the government gave many land parcels to people through the revenue department. Our cases are based on land records and maps of the 1980s, and documentation," a forest official said.

"We own many land parcels in Jakkur. In most cases, land mutation has happened and the matter needs to be settled legally," the revenue official stated.

In the past three-and-a-half months, the forest department has recovered 120 acres of land in Bhootanahalli reserve forest, 25 acres in Basavantara forest, 17 acres in Machohalli reserve forest, 12 acres in Marasandra reserve forest and five acres in Jakkur.

Manchanabele backwaters in the backdrop of Savandurga Hills | EXPRESS

## Forests on city outskirts cleared of land grabbers

MEERA BHARDWAJ @Bengaluru

THE reserve forests around Manchanabele backwaters in the backdrop of Savandurga Hills make it one of the most beautiful landscapes near Bengaluru. In a bid to consolidate the forest landscape, the state forest department has cleared the encroachments in these pristine forests and carried out a greening programme suitable to the local ecology.

The Basavanatara Reserve Forest is one of the oldest ones in Karnataka and is home to many a Malenadu floral and faunal species. However, for many years, a small part of the forestland had been encroached on in Averrahally village, Survey No. 15 and 16, near Manchanabele backwaters in Magadi taluk.

G Venkatesh, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru (South), and his team of 35 members recovered 25 acres of land from encroachers and cleared the land. Further, they took up plantation of saplings suited to this region.

Venkatesh said, "Although cases were filed by the forest department in 2004-05 and 2011, nobody had taken any action even after the eviction orders were passed. It took us two days to remove the encroachments from these two survey numbers. This was done after all the records were checked and spot inspections carried out."

In this part of Magadi taluk, the land value is very high — one acre is worth Rs 2 crore. Venkatesh said, "One person with connections to Sandalwood, who had encroached upon 3.6 acres, had even sold the forest land for Rs 3-4 crore to another person. The eviction and recovery process which took four days was completed on Friday. Later, 400 pits per acre were dug for planting of 2,000 saplings. Nearly 8-10 species were planted which included Ficus (3-4 varieties), jamun, bamboo, jackfruit, banyan, etc."

The Basavanatara Reserve Forest is a verdant landscape of 1,417 acres and was declared a reserve forest in 1935. Presently, the gate to the forest is closed and the road to the backwaters too has been closed by Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd. This is basically to keep the area pristine and avoid any disturbances from people or any untoward incidents.

The ACF said that tourists are prohibited from entering the forest area as it is difficult to control them. Only the local people from Averrhally village are allowed. Further, people have been found dumping all sorts of plastic and other food waste near the backwaters, he said.

# Ward adopts new waste segregation model

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GOVINDARAJANAGAR has become the first ward in the city to follow the new solid waste management model wherein waste is segregated in three categories before transportation and disposal.

From now on, waste from ward no. 104 will be segregated at the source as wet, dry and sanitary. Next, auto-tippers, with closed containers and fitted with GPS, will make multiple trips to collect the garbage separately. The garbage vehicles will also be equipped with public address facility and display block numbers.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad and Solid Waste Management Special Commissioner D Randeep on Tuesday visited the ward where the first fleet of auto-tippers started operations.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad at Govindarajanagar ward where the first fleet of auto-tippers started operations on Tuesday

A BBMP official said that the collection and transportation service providers have been directed to ensure timely collection of segregated waste, ensuring 100 per cent coverage in all the 12 blocks of the ward. Wet and sanitary waste will be collected every day while dry waste will be collected twice a week by the designated dry waste collector. Within three months, the service providers and engineers will have to ensure 100 per cent segregation and achieve zero black spot status, the official said.

The service providers will also have to ensure that all drivers and helpers wear uniforms and protective gears. The official also said that the garbage workers will have to be paid in a timely manner. Awareness on segregation will be spread among residents and those who repeatedly hand over mixed waste will be fined by the joint health inspectors and marshals.

This will be implemented in all the other wards gradually, BBMP officials said.

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### BMTC to procure 8,000 e-ticketing machines

Bengaluru: With over 2,000 e-ticketing machines under maintenance, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is now looking at procuring 8,000 new ones. Considering that the previous 8,000 ETMs will cost a fortune to repair, the BMTC will finalise a vendor to procure the new machines within the next three months. The new ETMs will be compatible with the National Common Mobility Card along with hardware changes. ENS

THERE'S ENOUGH AND MORE

A vendor sorts onions at KR Market in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The price of onion dropped after the government on Monday banned the export of all varieties of the bulb with immediate effect to increase its availability locally | SHRIRAM BN

# After change in PRR path, BDA to acquire 471 acres

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), which recently effected changes in the alignment of its Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, will issue a preliminary notification to acquire an additional 471.99 acres.

The PRR project will now run to nearly 67.5 km with an addition of 2 km effected recently and slight deviations in the route so that it does not impact a gas pipeline and apartments.

BDA Commissioner H R Mahadev said, "We will call for the preliminary notification this week."

The eight-lane project conceived in 2005 to decongest the City's traffic will now form a full circle along with the existing NICE Road. The revised cost will be Rs 17,648 crore, up by nearly Rs 3,000 crore.

A senior BDA official said, "The 471.99 acres are private lands. The compensation to be paid for it as well as the pending compensation for the notified 1,810 acres will be finalised by the government."

The biggest change is that it will be integrated with the existing NICE Road at two places: one on NH4 near BIEC which will require 61 acres and 18 guntas and another on NH7 near Konappana Agrahara which will need 110 acres and 22 guntas. "An additional 17 acres and 11 guntas will be needed for junctions shaped in the form of clovers along the Airport Road and Old Madras Road so that there will be multiple entry and exit points," the official said. Seventeen new toll plazas will come up at nine locations en route and 50 metres have been added to each of them and this will require 127 acres and 10 guntas, he said.

To bypass the apartments in Seegehalli, the road will take a diversion by 1.5 km nearby and this requires an additional 144 acres while shifting of route to bypass the Petronet line will require an additional 11 acres and 38 guntas, he added.

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**16th September: Here's what one of my favourite old astrology books says about the recent Mercury-Jupiter pattern: 'there may be a propensity to forget names and words sometimes in the midst of conversation, and absent-mindedness is frequent'. So, if you suddenly forget who you are and what you're doing, it's OK!**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Although you may still be feeling slightly perturbed by recent clashes at home or at work, there is much you can do to ensure that good feeling is restored sooner rather than later. Partners will thank you for your patience and consideration. You'll cash in your rewards next year.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There still seems to be solid support coming from the helpful relationship between the Sun and Venus, your ruler. What you should realise now is that everything, including events which are frankly unwelcome, has a purpose. Keep an eye on your purse, as you could be misled or otherwise overcharged.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
If colleagues and associates have been attempting to discourage you from taking the plunge or accepting a tempting offer, the reason is not because they wish to hold you back, but that events have left them behind. The Moon's occupation of your chart sets you up for the top job. Can you take the plunge?

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
Make the most of all those deep, colourful and transformative experiences which are taking place in your personal life and partnerships. However, some of you may currently feel rather reserved and suspicious of other people's motives. Yet if someone else has undermined you, they probably did so unintentionally.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Taking a short-term perspective on current trends, it seems clear that lady luck is smiling on you. The only problems arise from your own failure to control your passions or take responsibility for your own intense emotions. You will soon discover just how much a close partner has been helping you - without your even knowing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You're in an ambitious mood, anxious to do your best and eager to take first place. Much depends on your general approach to partnerships. You should now be prepared to open up and acknowledge the powerful role that other people, not just close friends, have to play in your affairs.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Jupiter is playing a beneficial role in the active sector of your solar chart, and has been for some time. Seeing that this planet's presence is being reinforced by Venus, it is clear that the prospects for a pleasurable holiday or long-distance adventure have never been brighter. Make plans now!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Some people are undoubtedly well-disposed towards you. Others are not. In either case your main task is to manage personal relationships with tact and wisdom, giving credit where it is due. When a tricky choice comes up you can probably both have your cake and eat it, going for every available option at the same time.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The Moon's relationship with your house of marriage is a welcome sign that partnerships will move to a higher level. There are a number of issues which need to be handled with kid gloves, especially as emotional undercurrents could lead to enforced changes before very long. Tread carefully and with regard for everyone's feelings.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There is still a chance that sensational planetary aspects will fire your imagination and enable you to make enormous strides. You still have some way to catch up if you are to make up for lost ground. Don't worry too much if partners are still stressed out. Life will be more relaxed soon.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Since Mars and Venus are sending a mixture of challenging and helpful aspects to your sign, you must expect partners to keep you on your toes. For those of you in search of pleasurable experiences, there are no limits. And, if you are hoping to fall in love, hang on; it could just be your turn next.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
All the signs are that professional pursuits are centred on monetary hopes and ambitions. This is perhaps not surprising in view of the need to deal with what can only be described, with no understatement whatsoever, as an emergency! And please remember the old saying, forewarned is forearmed.

THE PHANTOM

IN SENDING KIT AWAY, PERHAPS I HAVE ALTERED THE COURSE OF THE PHANTOM LEGEND FOR ALL COMING TIME...
DID THE TOXIN THAT CAUSED MY HALLUCINATIONS ALLOW MY SUBCONSCIOUS MIND TO ACCUSE ME OF THIS MISSTEP?

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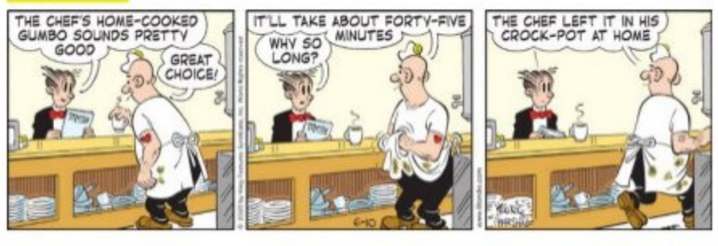
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GREAT CHOICE!
IT'LL TAKE ABOUT FORTY-FIVE MINUTES
WHY SO LONG?
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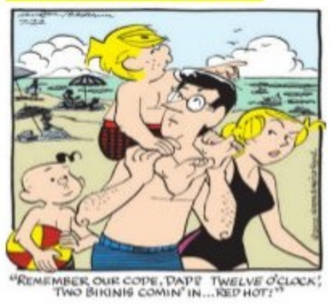


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| | 9 | 2 | 1 | | | | 3 | |

MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

| | | | | | | | | |
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| 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 8 |
| 2 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 5 |
| 7 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| 9 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 9 |

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

AQRTU

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WESNRT

Sold for $1.8 million! Wow! They were only valued around $9,000.
This is incredible.
I've never seen anything like this.
EINSTEIN'S HANDWRITTEN MEMOS SOLD FOR $1.8 MILLION BECAUSE THEY WERE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ELDER ELOPE POLICE UNSOLD
Answer: The android learned to fish by surrounding himself with — "REEL" PEOPLE

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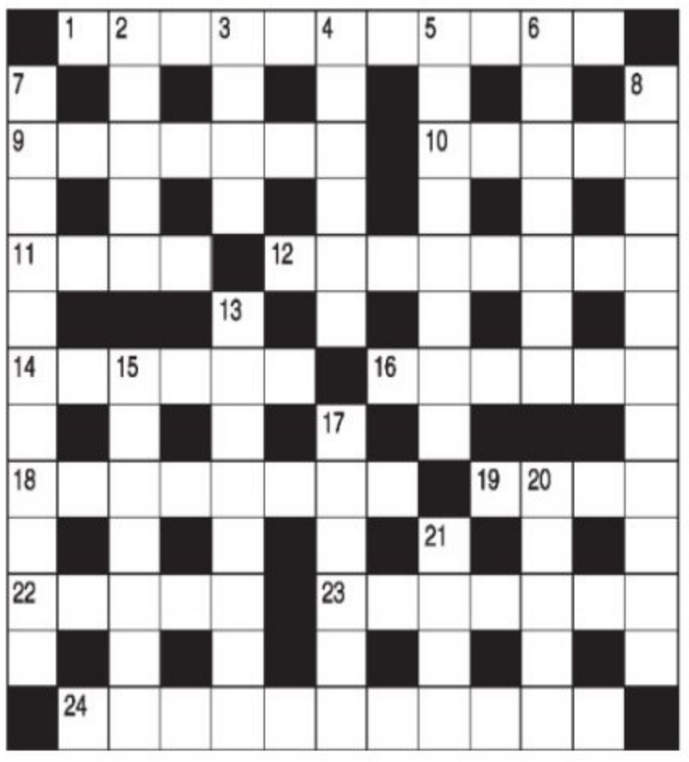
CROSS WORD



**ACROSS**

1 Weather sets problem for loved ones (11)
9 Time free for making wreath secure (7)
10 Number have a light grip (5)
11 Musical soldiers in line (4)
12 Uplift spiritually? (8)
14 Tone adopted by doctor coming in weary (6)
16 Underground source of salt? (6)
18 Shaken and upset (8)
19 A sign that Verne's captain has returned (4)
22 Something wrong with a knot? (5)
23 Strain we hear inducing love? (7)
24 Fit to take possession (11)

**DOWN**

2 Call we hear to help with the laundry (5)
3 Where needles are kept just in case (4)
4 He'd caught the fish having leaned over (6)
5 A writer's attributes (8)
6 A number walk wearily around - it's hard work (7)
7 Courses in aviation (6,5)
8 See 17 Down
13 Break one's nose perhaps (8)
15 Mother's driving in fourth gear and all at sea (7)
17 and 8 Down: Be smart and continue to work in the theatre (4,2,11)
20 Musical composition from more remote times (5)
21 I'm in a new car (4)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Spring, 4 Escapade, 9 Rotary, 10 Resident, 12 Rate, 13 Writs, 14 Dent, 17 Tropical fish, 20 Moneylending, 23 Nuts, 24 Warms, 25 So-so, 28 Ordering, 29 Top hat, 30 Moondust, 31 Poetic.

**Down:** 1 Sorority, 2 Rotation, 3 Nero, 5 Sheet of flame, 6 Arid, 7 Aneled, 8 Estate, 11 Greasepaints, 15 Minor, 16 Using, 18 Ricochet, 19 Agnostic, 21 Inform, 22 Studio, 26 Grid, 27 Polo.

As of Tuesday, Bengaluru accounted for 40% of all active Covid cases in the state. With 3,084 new patients testing positive on Tuesday, active cases in Bengaluru stood at 39,681

CM B S Yediyurappa arrives at Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday I NAGARAJA GADEKAL

## Cabinet okays tourism policy, loans for Escoms

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

IN its bid to help ailing Escoms — Electricity Supply Companies — the Karnataka cabinet on Tuesday approved a liquidity injection package involving government-guaranteed long-term loans of Rs 5,575 crore. Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister JC Madhuswamy said the decision was taken to assist Escoms across the State, and is likely to save the government around Rs 730 crore in late penalties on repayment.

The cabinet also approved a new tourism policy, that will be officially launched by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on September 27.

A cabinet sub-committee has been asked to take a decision on seeking permission to prosecute members of KPSC. "There are many legal hurdles, including whether the State can approach the President, seeking permission to prosecute the members. A cabinet sub-committee comprising Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar and I has been constituted to give a report on whether permission to prosecute can be sought," Madhuswamy said.

A sum of Rs 109 crore has been approved for a pilot initiative to convert streetlights in Mysuru to LED bulbs, under public-private partnership (PPP) for seven years. The State aims to save Rs 58 crore in power tariff with the LED lights.

In a key decision, the Cabinet approved resumption of mining activities in Donimalai range, and expects to receive royalties of Rs 643 crore. It also approved amendment to the Land Act to regularise encroachments. The amendment will allow encroachers in possession of 'B Kharab' land within 18km of Bengaluru, excluding agricultural lands, to purchase land at four times the market value. Land at subsidised prices has been approved for various educational and social institutions.

**OTHER DECISIONS**

- Approved ₹ 3 crore for upkeep of Lakkundi in Gadag as a heritage centre
- Funds for equipment, drugs under National Health Mission
- Increasing capacity of treated water pipeline from Agara Lake to Anekal to 50 MLD from 35 MLD, at a cost of ₹ 30 crore
- ₹ 125 crore for new K'taka Bhavan building in Delhi

## 'K'TAKA NEEDS TO WOO INVESTORS'

Industry seeks better tax rates, ease of doing biz; Shettar confident of State bouncing back

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

A DAY after Toyota Kirloskar Motor Vice-President Shekar Viswanathan said that Toyota Motor Corp won't expand further in India due to the high tax regime, Biocon CMD Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw tweeted, "I hope government corrects this perception as we need to incentivise all foreign investors to expand their operations. Taxes must be rationalized to boost business confidence."

On Monday, Viswanathan had gone on record to say that Toyota won't exit India, but will not scale up. The buzz among the investor community is that the government needs to do more to encourage investments at a time like this, when economic growth has shrunk by 23 per cent. Investors have sought better tax rates, good tax administration and greater ease of doing business here.

Economist and former National Finance Commission member Prof Govind Rao told TNIE, "Basically, the tax administration must be much more responsive, it is not so much the rate of tax but the tax administration which can be very harassing. They need to streamline administration to see that honest taxpayers are not harassed."

Former Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry president and industrialist J Crasta, whose investments top Rs 200 crore, said, "About 18-20 years ago, we were competing with the then united Andhra Pradesh for second and third position because Gujarat was number one. A few weeks ago, Karnataka slipped in rankings to number 17, and states like Uttar Pradesh and

Jharkhand have overtaken us. We need to work hard to catch up. At a time like this, the government must step in to encourage investors of tangible actions."

Former Industries Minister R V Deshpande, who now heads the KPCC Vision Group, said, "This needs to be looked at by the government very seriously. India has to emerge as a global investment destination. Tax rates are high, and at a time when the economy has contracted by 23 per cent, they should take it seriously."

Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar, who was working to get investments from China and other destinations, told TNIE, "The survey in which Karnataka ranked 17 was done 5-6 months ago, things have changed since then. We have brought in progressive measures like the industrial policy, Land Reforms Act and so on. I am confident we will figure at fifth position if a survey is done now. We are working very hard and there are many inquiries and proposals regarding fresh investments. Things may be bad because of Covid, it is true that our revenues are down and we are not able to encourage investors more, but we are at it and will do well."

## ITIs target Industry 4.0, to train students better

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

INDUSTRIAL Training Institutes (ITIs) in Karnataka are undergoing a major makeover to keep pace with the requirements of Industry 4.0. The State government is working on a plan to upgrade institutes to train students in the latest technologies to take up self-employment, or get absorbed in related industries.

"Our target is to upgrade ITIs with respect to the needs of Industry 4.0, which is more of Internet of Things (IoT) and automation-based industry workflow," Dr KV Thrilok Chandra, Commissioner, Department of Industrial Training and Employment, told TNIE.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, who also holds the Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood portfolio, confirmed that the plan is taking final shape and details are being worked out.

Every year, around 80,000 students graduate from 270 government and 1,115 private institutions that train students in various engineering and non-engineering trades during one-year to three-year courses. Changing requirements in industries necessitated the State government to upgrade the institutes.

The department is creating a blueprint for upgrading government ITIs with focus on Industry 4.0 and also working with industry partners. As a first step, Bosch has set up a Centre of Excellence at ITI on Hosur Road in Bengaluru.

"They have invested in the latest technology in carpentry and power tools, and students are being trained in batches. Samsung has set up a facility to train students in mobile repair, washing machine, TV and other devices. Their master trainers teach students maintenance and repair of the latest devices at the ITIs," Chandra said. Tata Technologies, too, is said to be keen on working with the department to train students.

The government is focusing on the dual system of training to ensure that the batch of students which graduates from ITIs gets exposure to industry requirements and hands-on training to know what is expected of them when they pass out. "We hope the next batch will be Industry 4.0-equipped," he added.

Apart from the curriculum, the department has also dovetailed short-term courses. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Yojane (CMKKY), the focus is on advanced training on digitisation, robotics, 3D printing, IoT, advanced welding to ensure students are

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## Tough laws to curb drug menace: Cong

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THE Congress on Tuesday called for stringent measures to fight the drug menace, and extension of the 10-day legislature session scheduled to start from Sept 21 by two more days, to discuss in detail measures needed to be taken by the government.

Speaking to the media, Congress state unit working president and MLA Eshwar Khandre said irrespective of their party affiliations, everyone needs to join hands to curb the menace. "The session needs to be extended to discuss the issue and bring in tough laws," he said, and added that the government needs to open rehabilitation centres for addicts.

The government has to take steps to strengthen the intelligence department to prevent drug trafficking, he said. "If we fail to take tough measures now, there is no doubt that a *Udta Punjab* type of movie will be made about Karnataka, and the state's image will take a severe beating," he added.

**CLP meeting**

A Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting will be held on Wednesday to discuss issues to be taken up during the assembly session. CLP leader Siddaramaiah had stated that the party would take up drug menace, surge in Covid-19 cases, DG Halli violence, etc, at the meeting.

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**Dr. Bavaguthu Raghuram Shetty (B.R. Shetty)** the co-founder of the NMC Group of Companies, founder of Finablr PLC, co-founder of UAE Exchange Centre LLC and a joint purchaser of the Travelex Group, had provided personal guarantees to secure the various credit facilities granted by CBD. CBD has instituted proceedings in the UAE for recovery of money against the various corporate entities to whom they had granted credit facilities and also against Dr. B.R. Shetty.

CBD has also initiated proceedings against Dr. B.R. Shetty before **Hon'ble Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge (Commercial Court- C.C.H. No. 83) at Bengaluru in Com. O.S. No. 198/2020.** The Hon'ble Commercial Court vide its Order dated **14.08.2020** has inter alia restrained Dr. B.R. Shetty and anyone claiming through them from transferring, alienating or otherwise dealing with, disposing of or creating any third party interests or encumbering in any manner any property or asset be movable or immovable, tangible or intangible, including without limitation, shares, bonds, mutual funds, investments, monies deposited in bank accounts and fixed deposits by way of an ad interim order. The said restraint is effective till the next date of hearing on 01.10.2020.

The general public are hereby cautioned that they should not deal with Dr. B.R. Shetty or anyone claiming through him in respect of his properties or assets without leave of the Hon'ble Court as the same would be in violation of the aforementioned order dated 14.08.2020 in Com. O.S. No. 198/2020 and any such transaction in violation of the order would be null and void.

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The under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against each of you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, that the notices under Section 13(2) of the Act sent to each of you separately by Regd. Post Ack. Due have been returned unserved. Hence both of you are hereby called upon to take notice to pay jointly and severally the outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company will proceed against the below mentioned propertics to realize its dues with interests and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

| Sl. No. | Name & Address of Borrower/ Co-Borrower | Amount (Outstanding Rs.) File No. | Description of Immovable Property |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Sagayaraj D (Borrower) Lourd Mary (Co-Borrower)** No.62 3rd main 3rd Cross, Vijayalakshmi layout abbigere, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore – 560090. | File No. 82700373, Rs. 22,95,925/- (+ Interest @ 24% p.a. From 31.01.2020) + Future Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal Expenses + Incidental Charges. | All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.23, Survey No.9/1, PID No.2-112-23, situated at Poornapura Main Road, Jalahalli Ward, Bengaluru measuring East to West 50-47.3/2 Feet and North to South 18.60 + 18.30/2 Feet **bounded on:** East by: Property No.8. West by: Road. North by: Property No's.10 and 11.South by: Property belongs to Mr. D.Arogyaraj. |

for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD.,
Authorised officer.

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**SALE NOTICE**

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/ Movable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru of the **Canara Bank**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **28/10/2020 @ 10.30 A.M to 11.00 A.M,** for recovery of **Rs.90,39,16,812.41** (with further interest and charges) from **1. M/s Kanva Fashion Pvt Ltd, (Rep. By its M.D Sri. N. Nanjundaiah )** having their office at # 861, Kava Sri Sai Complex, Opp.Modi Hospital, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore – 560 086 **(2). Sri. N. Nanjundaiah** S/o Sri. S. Narayanapppa residing at A 408, Brigade Gate Way Apartment, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore – 560 055 **(3). Sri. Harish S** S/o Sri.Seetharamaiah K R,(Director), residing at 456, Janatha Colony, Behind Post Office, Bannerghatta, Bangalore – 560 055, **(4). Sri Vijay Kumar R**, S/o Sri. K.C. Rama Reddy (Director), Kamarajanahalli, Koratagere – 572 129, Tumkur District, Karnataka and also at Danogipalya, Kanvanagar, Nelamangla – 572 129, **(5). M/s. Kanva Developers Ltd, (Corporate Guarantor),** Sy No.1/5, 1/6 Mariyanapalya, Dasnapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk – 562 123, **(6). M/s. Kanva Mart Ltd,** (Corporate Guarantor), No.861, Kanva Sri Sai Sai Complex, Opp. Modi Hospital, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore, **(7). M/s. Kanva Garments (P) Ltd,** (Corporate Guarantor) No.861, Kanva Sri Sai Complex, Opp.Modi Hospital West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Rajani Nagar, Bangalore – 560 086, **(8) Smt.Praveena N** W/o.Sri.N. Nanjundaiah, residing at A 408, Brigade Gate Way Apartment, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore – 560 055, **(8) Sri. Devendra N** S/o Sri.Nanjundappa residing at 327, 6th Main, 10th Cross, HMT Layout, RT Nagar, Bangalore – 560 032, **(9) Sri.Ram Reddy M.N** S/o Narayanappa, residing at B Block, 1st Cross, Danogipalya, Kanva Nagar, Nelamangala – 572 129 and **(10) M/s. Kanva Star Resorts.**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer - IFSC CODE CNRB0002366) to the credit of the account number 2366295000004, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore on or before 27/10/2020 – 5.00 PM:-

| Description of Assets: | Reserve Price | EMD Amount | Incremental value at Bid |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. All that piece and parcel of Land measuring 20 acres 2.08 guntas (873465 Sq ft) under New Sy.No.7/1 situated at Kongenahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District along with building and bounded: East: Property in Sy.No.19, 20, 21, 22, & 23; West: Property in Sy.No.4 & 10; North: Property in Sy.No.5; South: Property in Sy.No.7/2 & Road. (Excluding movables). | Rs. 19,40,10,000/- | Rs. 1,94,01,000/- | Rs. 1,00,000/- |
| 2. Machinery hypothecated to the Bank situated at Garment Manufacturing Unit of M/s Kanva Fashions Ltd., situated at Sy.No.4/1 & Sy.No.7/1.Kongenahalli Village, Tumkur District. | Rs. 1,32,50,000/- | Rs. 13,25,000/- | Rs. 1,00,000/- |
| 3. All that piece and parcel of Land measuring 10 acres 4 cents under Sy.No.200 situated at Neelakantpuram Village, Madakasira Mandal, Ananthapura District, Andhrapradesh State, along with building situated thereon and bounded on: East: property of B Narasimha Murthy; West: Property of Gangadhar; North: Govt Road; South: Property of Smt Obamma. (Excluding movables.) | Rs. 90,20,000/- | Rs. 9,02,000/- | Rs. 1,00,000/- |
| 4. Machinery hypothecated to the Bank situated at Garment Manufacturing Unit of M/s Kanva Fashions Ltd., situated at Sy.No.200, Neelakantpuram Village, Madakasira Mandal, Ananthapura District, Andhrapradesh State. | Rs. 30,70,000/- | Rs. 3,07,000/- | Rs. 1,00,000/- |

The persons who wish to bid for item No.1 has to necessarily bid for item No.2 also, and bid for item No.1 alone will not be entertained. Similarly, the persons who wish to bid for item No.3 property have to necessarily bid for item No.4 also, and bid for item No.3 alone will not be entertained. However, separate bid for item No.3 & 4 will be entertained.

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9483532366 during office hours on any working day.

**Date : 15.09.2020**
**Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/- Authorised officer**
**Canara Bank**

V K Sasikala, expelled leader of Tamil Nadu's AIADMK, who is lodged at Bengaluru Central Prison, will be released in another four months, according to an RTI reply from the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services

# BITCOINS FLIP ACROSS BORDERS, PAY FOR DRUGS

## NCB: Quality narcotics found in Delhi, Mumbai, B'luru, Goa in raids

**BALA CHAUHAN** @Bengaluru

PAYMENTS have been made to overseas drug dealers through cryptocurrency on the dark web in some instances, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has unearthed during its initial investigation into the cross-country anti-drug bust raids.

In cross-country operations in Delhi, Mumbai, Goa and Bengaluru, the anti-drug raids conducted under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act have not only exposed the inter-connection between the demand and supply chains of high quality drugs in the four places, it has also exposed the use of dark web and cryptocurrency for making payments for contraband.

"Payment for the contraband, reportedly smuggled from the USA and Canada to India, have been made through cryptocurrency on the Darknet," said NCB sources.

The shift in payment mode for illicit drugs from the usual hawala route to the dark web has foxed financial investigation and Intelligence agencies because cryptocurrency is a new phenomenon and is largely anonymous.

"It is a dangerous trend because cryptocurrency can be bought from a hawala operator and can be used for making payments for the contraband. It will be very difficult for the law enforcement agencies to find out the origin of cryptocurrency in such a case," said Neeraj Aarora, Supreme Court advocate, arbitrator and domain expert on cyber laws and forensics.

Nischal Shetty, founder of WazirX – a bitcoin exchange—said that while there is a need for "positive regulation so that the cryptocurrency ecosystem is clean, the best way to regulate cryptocurrency would be to regulate crypto exchanges around the world."

Shetty said that they, under the Internet and Mobile Association of India, are "working on a code of conduct for cryptocurrency companies in India, which lays out a guideline for Know Your Customer/Anti Money Laundering (KYC/AML) and other regulatory-related features. This will help curb illegal activities as well as scams. This way, exchanges can also help the law enforcement agencies as well as educate masses," said Shetty.

He added that some developed countries such as the US, UK and Japan were tackling crypto in a similar way.

Cryptocurrencies are digital assets, which run on a decentralised public ledger called blockchain, which is a record of all transactions updated and held by currency holders. Unlike fiat (government backed) money, cryptocurrency does not exist in physical form and is not issued by a central authority.

In 2018, the Reserve Bank of India banned crypto transactions after a slew of frauds. The cryptocurrency exchanges subsequently filed a lawsuit in the Supreme Court, which in March this year, had overruled the RBI's ban.

# Diganth, wife Aindrita summoned by CCB

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@Bengaluru

THE Central Crime Branch (CCB) police probing the Sandalwood drug racket case have issued notices to star couple **Diganth Manchale** and **Aindrita Ray**, summoning them to appear before the investigation officer on Wednesday.

After the arrest of Ragini Dwivedi and Sanjjanaa Galrani, Diganth and his wife Aindrita are the latest Kannada film personalities to be been summoned by the police. Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil told the media that the couple have been told to appear before the investigation officer at 11 am.

Reacting to the developments, the star couple tweeted, "We have received a telephonic notice from the Central Crime Branch for an ongoing enquiry at 11 am tomorrow. We will be present and fully cooperate with the CCB."

Sources said that they are being called in after the investigations revealed that they too had visited a casino in Colombo, Sri Lanka. "The accused, Sanjjanaa, has revealed names of many who visited the casino and Diganth and Aindrita too figured in the list. We also have information from other sources that they could be involved in the case, and we will question them in that connection," an officer said.

Aindrita had reportedly visited the casino for the promotion of a Bollywood film. It is said that the couple are not in the city, but will return on Wednesday to appear before CCB.

# Ragini miserable in jail, cried in her cell till midnight, say sources

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@Bengaluru

Actress Ragini being taken for a medical check-up on Monday | **SHRIRAM BN**

A day after she was handed over to judicial custody, actor Ragini Dwivedi has been remanded in a quarantine cell as per the Covid-19 protocol.

It is said that the actor cried till midnight and didn't sleep till early morning in the Parappana Agrahara prison where she is lodged. The actor refused breakfast, according to the sources in the jail. She had back pain and had food around afternoon and slept.

When she was brought to the cell, many inmates tried to talk to her since she was a celebrity, but she didn't wish to talk, sources said.

Security personnel have been deployed as a precautionary measure. Ragini has to be in the quarantine cell for ten days and after that she will undergo a test for Covid-19. If the report is negative, she will be shifted to the common barrack of the women cell.

Meanwhile, Ragini's parents along with their lawyer came to meet her in the jail but the jail officer denied them permission and asked them to wait for a few more days.

Ragini's mother Rohini who spoke to the media said her daughter was like a lion and knew how to face tough situations. She said Ragini has been in the film industry for 10 years now and that they have purchased a flat. "There have been reports in the media that we have three flats. We have shared the details of our assets with the Enforcement Directorate," Ragini's mother said.

**CRACKING DOWN**

# 'Farmers given seeds by drug peddlers'

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THE farmers are provided the seeds by drug peddlers, an official said.

In some cases, farmers may have given their land on lease to others who, in turn, would have grown ganja in the fields. When the enforcement authorities or local police find out, cases are also registered against the land owner (farmer), even if he was not in the know about what was cultivated, officials pointed out.

The Agriculture Department is now taking up an initiative to sensitise farmers not to allow use of their land for any illegal activities. Speaking to The New Indian Express, Agriculture Minister B C Patil said he will issue a circular to all Joint Directors, stressing that farmers should be sensitised in this regard. "Just because a few cases are registered, one should not generalise that farmers are growing ganja. Most of them work very hard day and night," he said.

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha president Kodihalli Chandrashekar also appealed to farmers to verify the background of people to whom they lease out their land. "The land owners should have an agreement that whatever the lessee grows is not their responsibility. In the event cases are registered, the farmers should have some sort of document to protect them," he felt.

# 5 held for peddling in 2 cases; 17kg ganja, 2kg charas seized

**ENS** @Bengaluru

THE city police on Monday arrested five men peddling drugs in two separate cases and seized 17.5 kg ganja and 2 kg charas worth around Rs 4.5 lakh.

The Kamakshiplaya police picked up Puneeth M (30) and Anand Kumar (39), residents of Vidhyamanya Nagar, who were carrying ganja to sell to students. The police, who had a tipoff, caught them at Kaveripura Junction on Magadi Road.

The police later raided their house and found 17 kg of ganja worth Rs 3.5 lakh. Anand told the police that he had sourced marijuana from Andhra Pradesh, and revealed the names of his associates. Police have now launched a manhunt for the other accused.

Anand and Puneeth have been earlier arrested in Andra Pradesh and other places for peddling drugs, a police officer said.

Yeshwanthpur police caught three men who were carrying hashish and ganja in a car. Two kg of charas and 500 gm of ganja worth Rs 1 lakh were recovered from them. The accused, Mohammed Saleem, (26), Syed Tanzim, (32) and Mohamed Shiban,(21), are residents of JP Park Layout.

# Homestays, lodges in D-K under police watch

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@Mangaluru

Cameramen outside accused Aditya Alva's resort in Bengaluru on Tuesday

THE police department has tightened the screws on commercial establishments like homestays, resorts and lodges on the suspicion that they are being used for illegal activities like drug parties, flesh trade etc.

The Dakshina Kannada district police have made a list of such 'doubtful' commercial establishments. The local police stations are calling them every day over phone to get a list of activities taking place, said Superintendent of Police B M Laxmi Prasad. "All homestays and resorts and some 'doubtful' lodges have been brought under this exercise. Now, most of these homestays and resorts are not open because of Covid-19, but we are still keeping a check on lodges and unregistered homestays," he said.

Sources said homestays in the interiors and away from the city have become a safe haven for illegal activities like drug parties, flesh trade and gambling. A majority of homestays are not registered with the tourism department to avoid coming under the radar of the police and other government agencies. They operate on large properties that run into tens of acres and under the cover of thick greenery, making the cops' job difficult.

The SP said that so far, they have not received any complaints but have been keeping a close watch on these establishments.

Deputy Commissioner K V Rajendra has asked all homestays in the district to register with the tourism department and get NoCs from local bodies and jurisdictional police. He has warned that strict action will taken if homestays are found allowing illegal activities or using the properties for lodging, which is in violation of the rules.

Tourism Department Assistant Director Somashekar said only 32 homestays in the district are registered.

**TRACKING COVID-19**

Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj has tested positive for Covid-19, he said on Monday.

NEW RECOVERIES 7,406 | TOTAL RECOVERIES 3,69,229

**TALLY ON TUESDAY**

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| TOTAL SAMPLES TESTED | 68,365 |
| TOTAL ACTIVE CASES | 98,536 |
| TOTAL DEATHS | 97 |

7,576 FRESH CASES

104 Arogya Sahayavani will function too

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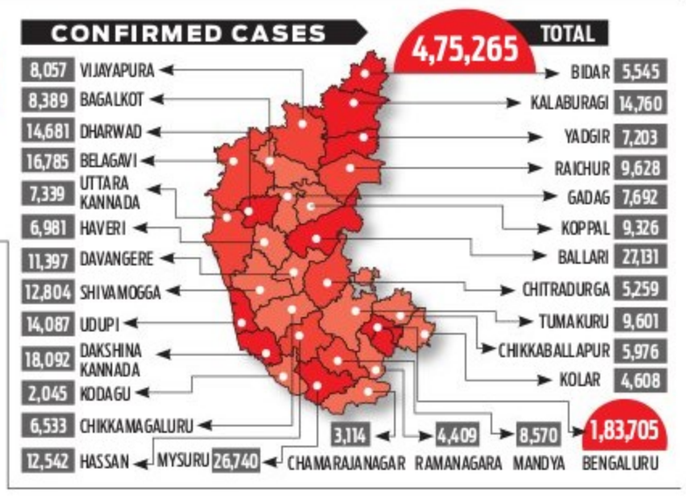


# 980gm preterm baby beats coronavirus

**RANJANI MADHAVAN** @Bengaluru

A 980-gram baby girl who tested corona positive soon after birth and suffered a range of issues associated with premature birth, has successfully recovered from Covid-19 and other health problems. She was discharged on Tuesday.

This is possibly one of the lowest birth weight doctors have reported. She was delivered at a private nursing home and owing to extremely low birth weight (ideal birth weight is 2.8 kg to 2.9 kg), she was shifted to Vani Vilas Hospital on August 13. She was in the paediatric isolation ward and her result came positive five days later, after which she was shifted to the Trauma Care Centre (TCC) in Victoria Hospital.

The case was challenging as she suffered a range of issues. Fortunately, she was asymptomatic.

"She was treated for Covid-19 and neonatal sepsis (infection). While she was in the TCC, she was given express breast milk. She had feeding intolerance and was put on antibiotics, IVF and formula. Once she tested negative, she was shifted to the Neonatal ICU in Vani Vilas to be treated for low birth weight," said Dr Mallesh K, Professor and Head, Department of Paediatrics, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, under which Vani Vilas Hospital and Trauma Care Centre come.

Her mother was called to the hospital for breastfeeding and emotional support.

Dr Ravichandra, assistant professor, BMCRI, said the baby also suffered from hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and hypocalcaemia (low calcium levels).

"She initially suffered mild respiratory distress and was put on oxygen. Later, she was given standard treatment for low birth weight babies. In the NICU, breast milk and supplements were given," he said.

At the time of discharge, she weighed 1.2 kg and the parents have been advised on how to breastfeed, appropriate position, frequency, night-time feeds, etc. She will have to be brought for repeated follow-ups to check on overall growth, brain development, eye and ear tests and other factors.

**THE NEW NORMAL**

A group of girls walks past a Covid testing centre set up by a Shantinagar BBMP hospital on Brigade Road in Bengaluru, on Tuesday | **VINOD KUMAR T**

# Doctors to continue strike till Friday

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@Bengaluru

ON Day 1 of their strike, doctors under the Karnataka Government Medical Officers' Association (KGMOA) on Tuesday met Health Minister B Sriramulu, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, Deputy Chief Minister CN Ashwath Narayan with others, who assured the association that their demands will be met.

However, the doctors said they will continue the strike till September 18, and the association will meet on Friday to decide if it should be withdrawn.

KGMOA president Dr GA Srinivas said, "The ministers and health department officials have said they will address our demands. However, we will have a meeting with the executive committee on Friday, and later decide whether to withdraw the strike or not. For now, we will continue the strike and not release data on Covid and non-Covid patients."

Sudhakar said the meeting with ministers and office-bearers of KGMOA was fruitful, and the government has decided to give in to the doctors' demands. "The doctors have been working hard, so the CM has given his nod to all the proposals by the health department in the past six months, and this too will be fulfilled. The finance department has been briefed too," he said.

"The revision in salaries will be made based on 6-year, 13-year and 20-year promotions for doctors. Though this is a burden for the government, it will be done on priority," he added.

The doctors have been demanding pay parity with their counterparts in the medical education department, or pay revision as per the Central Government Health Scheme.

### Be'luru accounts for 40% of state's active cases

Bengaluru: IAs of Tuesday, Bengaluru accounted for 40 percent of all active cases in the state. With 3,084 new patients testing corona-positive on Tuesday, the active cases in Bengaluru stood at 39,681, out of the total 98,536 in the state. Bengaluru now stands second only to Delhi in terms of total positive cases. Karnataka's total tally of positive cases stood at 4,75,265 cases, with 7,576 new ones reported on Tuesday. As per the BBMP war room data, over the last 10 days, West Zone (19 per cent) and South Zone (15 per cent) accounted for majority of the cases. However, the maximum 3,761 active containment zones are in Rajarajeshwari Nagar. There were 97 deaths taking the toll to 7,481 patients. With 120.4 deaths per million population, the state ranks 7th in comparison with other states and union territories. Following the day's tally in Bengaluru, the top four districts in terms of new cases are Shivamogga 368 cases, Dakshina Kannada 316 cases, Mysuru 312 cases and Hassan 291 cases. **ENS**

### India's largest CCC BIEC shuts down

Bengaluru: It's curtains down for the Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) Covid Care Centre. It was India's largest CCC, with a capacity of 10,000 beds, but saw not more than 2,200 patients. BBMP began winding up on September 7 and completed the process on Tuesday. BBMP has decided to burn the used beds. Unused bedding and other equipment have been sent to government hostels and hospitals across the state. "When the process of shutting down started, there were around 300 patients who were shifted to Homeopathy College in Rajajinagar and other CCCs. We have also closed five other CCCs. The government has saved around Rs 8 crore in rent, which was being paid for the ground, and Rs 3.5 crore which was being paid for furniture and other equipment. We don't need to reopen the centre for Covid care," a BBMP official said. **ENS**

The Bengaluru police on Monday arrested five men peddling drugs in two separate cases and seized 17.5 kg ganja and 2 kg charas worth around Rs 4.5 lakh.

COVID-19

## HAL donates ambulances to city hospitals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

HINDUSTAN Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on Wednesday donated two more ambulances to city hospitals, one each to the Institute of Nephro Urology (INU) at Victoria Hospital and Sir C V Raman General Hospital (SCVRGH).

HAL Chairman and Managing Director R Madhavan said considering the ongoing pandemic, they are doing whatever they can to strengthen the health infrastructure. On August 6, HAL had donated two ambulances to Bowring and Lady Curzon Medical College and Research Institute.

This is part of HAL's Corporate Social Responsibility program, said Alok Verma, Director HR. The ambulances are equipped with facilities such as air conditioning, basic life support system, analog oxygen delivery system, auto loader stretcher trolley with floor mounting mechanism, separate doctor's seat, etc. These ambulances are particularly useful for patients who require medical monitoring in transit and need non-invasive airway management.

Workers at the Rail Wheel Factory in Yelahanka, which turned 37 on Tuesday | EXPRESS

## Rail Wheel Factory's wheels cheaper than China's

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

AS it stepped into its 37th year on Tuesday, the Yelahanka-based Rail Wheel Factory has one more achievement it can boast of - it has slashed the manufacturing cost of its wheels by 13%, making its products cheaper than Chinese ones in the international market.

Inaugurated by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on September 15, 1984, work on the factory's sprawling campus is underway at full capacity - manufacturing 671 wheels and 281 axles everyday - even though the pandemic has ravaged the profit margins of businesses across industries.

General Manager Rajiv Kumar Vyas said the RWF makes two types of wheels, one for the regular train (BOXN) and another for the container wagon (BLC). "The cost of a BOXN wheel sold by RWF to a non-railway customer now is Rs 1,86,936 compared to China's Rs 2,20,431 per wheel. The cost of a BLC wheel is Rs 1,68,000 as compared to Rs 1,76,453 for a China one," he said.

The RWF registered the feat in the January-March 2020 quarter with stringent cost-cutting and setting up a sand reclamation plant to manufacture its own sand, which is crucial to manufacture wheels.

"It is highly environment-friendly in that we recycle our used sand. After the mould for a wheel is readied, sand is applied before hot metal is poured on it to cast the wheel. So far, 1,250 Metric Tonnes have been made here. It helped us save the cost of procuring it from Andhra Pradesh," he said.

An additional 5,000 metric tonnes of sand already used by its factories remains. "We will now be able to meet 90 percent of our sand requirement," he said. "It is an achievement that we were able to sustain cheaper prices for the five months from the beginning of this financial year," Vyas said. A new Axle Forging Complex is being set up a cost of Rs 329 crore and slated to be completed by 2021.

## No new auto permits for now

Transport Department to focus on converting existing ones into e-permits

PREEJA PRASAD@Bengaluru

THE Transport Department will not issue new autorickshaws permits for now and instead focus on converting existing ones into e-permits.

DyCM and Transport Minister Laxman Savadi recently sent a note to the transport department asking it to focus on issuing e-permits which connect with the Centre's national register for vehicles.

According to rules, each year the State government issues permits to 5,000 autos to allow them to ply on the streets. However, this year, only 2,000 have been issued.

"We are short-staffed at our RTO office for autorickshaws. So we will include more staff and additional equipment and focus on issuing e-permits as per our Minister's note," said N Shivakumar, Transport Commissioner.

So far, only 4,000 e-permits have been issued in Karnataka out of 2.30 lakh autorickshaws. The move was proposed in 2016 and launched this year to weed out illegal permits.

Shivraj Patil, additional commissioner for transport (e-governance & environment) said the RTO will add five webcameras and one ultra model printer to improve the issuance of the permits.

However, autorickshaws drivers are not a happy lot. Although converting the permit is free, N Ramesh Kumar, an autorickshaw driver says, "My permit has expired and we are being asked to pay Rs 500 to convert it. There are middlemen who charge a higher rate. I am yet to get my Rs 5,000 compensation as my Aadhaar card is not linked to my bank account. Now we are being forced to pay money to get our permits," he said.

"There should be strict enforcement if the permits can be converted for free," rued Mohammed Abdullah, another autorickshaw driver.

## PFI ban: Tejasvi raises question in Parliament

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

BENGALURU South MP Tejasvi Surya raised questions in Parliament on whether the Union government was considering banning outfits like the SDPI and PFI following the riots in Bengaluru in August. In his unstarred question over the 'Illegal Activities of Islamic Outfits', Surya asked four questions seeking to know what action the government was taking against Islamic outfits including the Jamaat-e-Islami's student wing, the Student Islamic Organisation, for its reported alliance with the Turkish Youth Federation.

"As and when required, requisite legal action is taken as per the law against those organisations whose activities have a bearing on national security and public order," the written response from Ministry of Home Affairs said. MoS Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy responded without naming. The Union Government's evasive response comes at a time when the Karnataka cabinet which discussed a ban on PFI, is yet to recommend it officially to the Centre.

**MISSING**

**SHYBA**
Age:35/20, Height:155 CM,
White Complexion, Black Hair

**SANDEEV**
Age: 42/20, Height 172 CM,
Black Complexion, Black Hair

The above mentioned persons are missing from 14.05.2019 onwards in this regard a case in crime No.477/19 U/s 57 of KP Act. has been registered at Vadakara Police Station 15.05.2019. If any information received may be informed to the following contact number.

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SHO - Vadakara - 9497987186
SI - Vadakara - 9497980796

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TO WHOMSOEVER IT IS CONCERNED**

This is to inform the General Public that my Client **Smt. Kavitha C A, W/o. Murali Mohan B S** is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **Anjinappa V S/o late Venkatappa** and the same being acquired through **Gift Deed dated 28.11.2017 bearing Document No. BGR-1-05529/2017-18** registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Office, Begur, Bengaluru as schedule boundaries wrongly mentioned in the above said Gift deed and same was rectified under the **Rectification Gift Document No.5544/17-18, dated 29.11.2017.** If any person / firm/ Institution / Company having any claim or rights in respect of the schedule property is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within **Seven (07) days** from the date of Publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any with all supporting documents failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claim and the claims if any of such person shall be treated as waived and not binding on our client.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Gramatana Property No.9/2/1, situated at Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, totally measuring 3360 Sqft and bounded on: East by: BDA Road, West by: Chinnamma W/o. Late Muniswamy's Property, North by: Property No. 9/1 and 9/2, South by: Chinnamma W/o. Late Muniswamy's Property.

**HARISH B.R.**, Advocate
No. 11/2, Yellukunte Village,
Bommanahalli post, Bangalore - 560068.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The general public is hereby informed that, my client Sri.Vasudeva Ganiga, S/o Mr.Rama Ganiga, aged about 51 years, presently residing at BLDG-1-7-FLAT-819, 365/AL GOZE IND 2ND (E & W - SUBMETER) Premise No.365075671, PO Box-102619, DUBAI, intends to purchase the immovable Residential site property through his GPA holder, i.e., vacant site bearing No. 1065, situated at 7th Block, Further extension of Sir M Vishweshwaraya Layout, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 12.00 mtrs. North to South 18.00 mtrs, totally measuring 216.00 sq.mtrs., bounded on the East by; Site No. 1064, West by; Site No. 1066, North by; Site No. 1048, South by; Road, from its present owner Mrs.Devi.K, W/o Sri.Kunrarasu Anandaraj. If any person / persons / authorities / any legal entity / BDA, are having any objections/claims/rights/interest / official orders / directions, are hereby informed & requested to submit their claims/objections with supporting documents/ official orders, within 7 days from today. If not, it will be treated that, the property is free from all types of encumbrances, and my Client will be at liberty to complete the sale transactions with Mrs. Devi .K, and my client will not be responsible for any damages, if any caused to the third parties, out of this sale transaction.

**MAHESH R.**, Advocate
No.438, II Floor, "KRUPA ARCADE",
6th Main Road, Rajajinagar II Stage,
Malleswaram West Post, 17th Cross,
Bengaluru - 560 055.
Mobile: 98451 44043

ZOO AUTHORITY OF KARNATAKA
**SRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE ZOOLOGICAL PARK**
Office of The Executive Director & Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Kamalapur, Hosapete Tq, Bellary Dist, Karnataka State.
Telephone: 08394-295289, Email: eddcfabvzp81@gmail.com

Tender No. ABVZP/E.P/T.No/59/2019-20 Dated: 14-09-2020

**ITEM WISE TENDER NOTIFICATION**

On behalf of the Member Secretary, Executive Director and Deputy Conservator of Forest Department of Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) has published item wise Tender notification for Construction of Entrance Plaza at **Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park** Kamalapur under the division with KW-4 Conditions & regulations for work Tender Amount of **Rs. 426.00** lakhs. and EMD **Rs. 6.39 lakhs,** Tender shall be submitted in e-procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** last date of submission of tender is **29-09-2020** within **5.30PM.** Opening of Technical bid on **03-10-2020 after 11.00AM** and Financial bid on **08-10-2020 after 11.00AM.** The contractor Registered under Class-I in e-procurement are eligible.

More details can be obtained from the office of the under signed during office hours. Any amendment of modifications in tender notification will be published on e-procurement portal.

**SD/-**
**Executive Director &**
**Deputy Conservator of Forest,**
**Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park,**
**Kamalapur. Hospete Tq. Bellary Dist.**

ಪಾಸಾಸಂ/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ/ಎಸ್ ಎಸ್ಸಿ/10/2020-21

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया **BOI** Bank of India

RPC Layout Branch, #46, 5th Main Road, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar,
Bangalore - 560 040. Ph No. 080 - 22959516/17.
Email ID :RpcLayout.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

**DEMAND NOTICE**

**NOTICE U/s 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002**

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount. The Notice sent by "Regd. Post" AD, has been returned as unserved.

At the request made by you Bank of India, **RPC Layout Branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank") has granted a Housing Loan (Term Loan) facility. We give hereunder details of advance facilities granted by the bank and the amount outstanding dues thereunder as on the date of notice. The Credit facilities granted by the Bank is secured by the following assets/securities. As you have defaulted in repayment of your dues to the Bank, we have classified your account as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directions / guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. For the reasons stated above, we hereby give you notice under Section 13(2) of the above noted Act and call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities in the below mentioned loan accounts jointly and severally by paying the below mentioned amount to the Bank along with further interest with monthly compounding within a period of 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which please note that we will entirely at your risks as to costs and consequences exercise the powers vested with the Bank under Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, against the secured assets mentioned below.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Borrower and Outstanding Amount |
|---|---|

1. **Borrower : Mr Dileep Kumar K, No.120, RD Residency, 2nd Cross, Mahadeshwaranagar Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Herohalli, Bangalore -560091.**

| Nature of Facility | Sanctioned Limits | Outstanding Dues |
|---|---|---|
| Housing Loan (Term Loan) | Rs. 45,20,000.00 | Rs.46,27,447.06 + further interest from 1.1.2020 @ 12.20% p.a. |

**Secured Assets:** Flat No.A-101, Ground Floor, Keerthana Enclave, Site No.19, Khata No.83, BBMP PID Khata No.221/83/8/3/19, Hennur Village, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560043. **Bounded on : East by :** Property No.18, **West by :** Property No.20, **North by :** 25 feet Road **and South by :** Private Property.

**Date of Notice : 3.1.2020. Date of NPA : 31.12.2019.**

2. **Borrower : Mrs Jayanthi C S and Mr Jagadeesh N V No.83/2, Sai Lakshmi, 7th Main, 3rd Block, 4th Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore -560079.**

| Nature of Facility | Sanctioned Limits | Outstanding Dues |
|---|---|---|
| Housing Loan (Term Loan) | Rs. 45,00,000.00 | Rs.45,94,364.56 + further interest from 1.1.2020 @ 12.20% p.a. |

**Secured Assets:** #C-101, 2nd Floor, Keerthana Enclave, Site No.19, Hennur Village, Bangalore 560043. **Bounded on : East by :** Property No.18, **West by :** Property No.20, **North by :** 25 feet Road **and South by :** Private Property.

**Date of Notice : 3.1.2020. Date of NPA : 31.12.2019.**

3. **Borrower : Mr Ravi Kiran N G, C/O SGR Consultancy Services No.95, Bhimajyothi Co-op Housing Ltd., LIC Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore 79.**

| Nature of Facility | Sanctioned Limits | Outstanding Dues |
|---|---|---|
| Housing Loan (Term Loan) | Rs. 42,00,000.00 | Rs.42,75,991.70 + further interest from 1.2.2020 @ 12.20% p.a. |

**Secured Assets:** Flat No.A-100, Ground Floor, Keerthana Enclave, Site No.19, Khata No.83, BBMP PID Khata No.221/83/8/3/19, Hennur Village, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560043. **Bounded on : East by :** Property No.18, **West by :** Property No.20, **North by :** 25 feet Road **and South by :** Private Property.

**Date of Notice : 5.2.2020. Date of NPA : 31.1.2020.**

1. The amounts realized from exercising the powers mentioned above, will firstly be applied in payment of all costs, charges and expenses which are incurred by us and/or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly applied in discharge of the Bank's dues as mentioned above with contractual interest from the date of this notice till the date of actual realization and the residue of the money, if any, after the Bank's entire dues are fully recovered, shall be paid to you.
2. While calling upon you to discharge your liability as above by payment of the entire dues to the Bank together with applicable interest, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment and redeem the secured assets, within the period mentioned above, please take important note that as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of the secured assets will be available to you only till the date of publication of the notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender form from the public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.
3. If the said dues are not fully recovered from the proceeds realized in the course of exercise of the said powers against the secured assets, we reserve our right to proceed against you before Courts of Competent jurisdiction for recovery of the balance amount due along with all costs etc. incidental thereto from you.
4. Please take note that as per Section 13 (13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this notice, you are restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the secured assets referred to in this notice.
5. The undersigned is a duly Authorised officer of the Bank to issue this notice and exercise powers under Section 13 of the aforesaid Act.
6. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

**15.9.2020 Sd/-**
**Bengaluru Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform that we have lost the original document pertaining to Property no 29, Reliable Lavendula, Huskur Gate, Electronic City, Bangalore. **Doc No. ANK-1-15773-2005-06 dated: 07 February 2006** in English Language. if anybody finds it, please contact: 9845450338

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**காஞ்சிபுரம்–திருவள்ளூர் மாவட்டக் கூட்டுறவு பால் உற்பத்தியாளர்கள் ஒன்றியம் லிட்.,**
தலைமை அலுவலகம், எண்.55, குருவப்பா தெரு, அயன்புரம், சென்னை -600 023
தொலைபேசி எண்கள் : 044-26749407, 26742707. பேக்ஸ் : 26741747

ந.க.எண்.2444/P&I/2017 **ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி அறிவிப்பு**

**மூடி முத்திரையிட்ட ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளிகள் (TWO PART TENDERS) வரவேற்கப்படுகின்றன**

காஞ்சிபுரம் - திருவள்ளூர் மாவட்டத்திற்கு உட்பட்ட பகுதிகளில் கீழ்கண்ட பணிகளுக்காக வாகனங்கள் இயக்க டெண்டர் அடிப்படையில் விண்ணப்பங்கள் வரவேற்கப்படுகின்றன.

1. பா.உ.கூ.சங்கங்களில் இருந்து பால் கொள்முதல் செய்து வாகனம் இயக்க காக்களூர் - 4 வழித்தடம் பாதுகெட்டிசத்திரம் - 4 வழித்தடங்கள் மற்றும் சானூர் - 9 வழித்தடங்கள்.
2. சானூர் பால்குளிரூட்டும் நிலையம் அலுவலக பணிகளுக்கு - 1 இலகு ரக மகிழுந்து (இன்புட் கார்).
3. காஞ்சிபுரம் திருவள்ளூர் மாவட்டங்களில் பால் விநியோகம் செய்ய - 2 (Insulate) வாகனம்.

விண்ணப்பங்கள் **16.09.2020** இருந்து **05.10.2020** வரை **காலை 11.00 மணி** முதல் **மாலை 1.00 மணி** வரை ஒன்றிய தலைமை அலுவலகத்தில் நேரிடையாக தொடர்பு கொண்டு **ரூ.500/-** (வரிகள் உட்பட) செலுத்தி பெற்றுக் கொள்ளலாம். ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி திறக்கப்படும் நாள் : **05.10.2020** நேரம் : **பிற்பகல் 2.30 மணி** மேலும் டெண்டர் படிவங்களை **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** என்ற இணைய முகவரியில் சென்று இலவசமாக பதிவிறக்கம் செய்து கொள்ளலாம்.

செ.ம.தொ.இ./3435/ஒப்பந்தப்புள்ளி/2020 பொது மேலாளர்.

**TAMIL NADU CO-OPERATIVE SUGAR FEDERATION LTD**
690, ANNA SALAI, PERIYAR EVR BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, NANDANAM, CHENNAI - 600 035.
Phone : 044-24330083, 24344177, E-mail: tamilnaducoopsugarfederation@gmail.com

**E-Procurement Re-Tender Notice**

**The following materials are required for fixing rate contract basis to 2020-21 season to all Co-operative and Public Sector Sugar Mills in Tamil Nadu**

**Online tenders are invited for 50 Kg Polypropylene(PP) bags with inner liner.**

For all other details including detailed NIT (Notice Inviting Tender) visit the e-tender portal website **https://tntenders.gov.in.**

The opening of the Part I will be held on **21.10.2020** at **11.30 AM.**

**Place : Chennai - 600 035.**
**Date : 15.09.2020** DIPR/3431/TENDER/2020 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

**ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT - I,** No.86, Spencer Tower ,MG Road, Bangalore-560 001.
Phone no.080-25588642,25588641, Extn: 530, e-mail cb2366@canarabank.com

**SALE NOTICE**

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/ Movable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1,** Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **20/10/2020 @ 10.30 to 11.00**, for recovery of **Rs. 31,00,44,113/-** plus further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from **1. M/s GCL PRIVATE LIMITED** at A 419-420, 10th Main 2nd stage Peenya Industrial Area Bangalore – 560058 (now represented by Liquidator - Sri M V Sudarshan) and **Guarantors 2. Sri Harish B Kamath** S/o Sri B S Kamath (Late), **3. Smt Sangeetha H Kamath,** residing at No. E -101, Townshed, Avalahally, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore – 560064, **4. M/s S K Enterprises** (Rep by its Prop Smt Sangeetha H Kamath) **5. M/s Heat Treatment Co. (Rep by Smt Sangeetha H Kamath)** Both 4 & 5 – Corporate Guarantors having office at No A-419, 9th & 10th Main 2nd Stage Peenya Industrial Area Bangalore – 560058.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer - **IFSC CODE CNRB0002366**) to the credit of the account number 2366295000004, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore on or before **17/10/2020 – 5.00PM.**:-

| Description of the assets: | Reserve Price | EMD Amount | Incremental value at Bid |
|---|---|---|---|
| All the piece of land known as plot No.67 A & B of Sompura, 1st Stage, Industrial Area, comprised in Sy.Nos.12- Part of Bhartipura Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru District, Measuring 12140 Sq.Mtrs, comprising of an Industrial Factory Shed standing thereon in the name of M/s GCL Pvt ltd. Bounded by North: Road No.26, South: Plot No.72 & 73 and Storm water drain, East: Plot No.68 E, F and 68 G, West: Storm water drain and plot No.66. (For the purpose of Reserve Price valued for Rs.11,84,00,000/-.) Including Machinery, tools, spares, standing on plot No.67 A & B of Sompura, 1st Stage, Industrial Area, comprised in Sy.Nos.12- Part of Bhartipura Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru District (property mentioned above.) (For the purpose of Reserve Price valued for Rs.1,61,00,000/-) | Rs.13,45,00,000/- | Rs. 1,34,50,000/- | Rs.1,00,000/- |

**Known encumbrances, if any:** Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
**For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9483532366 during office hours on any working day.**

**Date : 15.09.2020 Sd/- Authorised officer**
**Place: Bengaluru Canara Bank**

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**The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited**
H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

**PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

The Borrower **Smt Sunitha Ashwath,** W/o Sri R.Ashwath, R/a No.14/1, 1st Floor, New Binna Mangala, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038, The debt due to Bank as on **10.09.2020** of **Rs.23,68,747/-** + Interest & miscellaneous expenses. Auction sale under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"on 17.10.2020, Saturday at 11.00 am.**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

**All that piece and parel of the immovable residential Property bearing No.364/1, BBMP Katha No.4, PID No.85-25-4, 9th Cross, Byappanahalli Extn., K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, BBMP Ward No.85, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 46 ft., North to South 37 ft., in all measuring 1702 sq.ft bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Property belonging to Sri Venkatappa, North by: Private Property & South by: Property belonging to Sri B.N.Mohan.**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of the Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head Office No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560 018.

(2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount of Rs.9,20,000/- equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property Rs.92,00,000/- being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.

(3) The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the time of sale in cash/DD to the GMCB Ltd. and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale.

(4) The successful bidders shall bear all expenses like stamp duty, Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour.

(5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.

(6) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending bidder may contact the undersigned at the GMCB Ltd., or through Telephone, they are at liberty to make their own assessment/enquiry about the property. Balance of tax and others charges has to be bourned by purchaser.

**Sd/-**
**Place: Bangalore Authorised Officer,**
**Date: 10.09.2020 The Grain Merchants' Co Operative Bank Ltd.,**

## KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-1/20-21/F-/3222-33 Date: 14-09-2020

### BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bids against **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2020-21/SS/WORK_INDENT7231** for Transportation (To & Fro), repair of Sick Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of Repaired Sick Power Transformer of Rating 10MVA, 110/33-11KV, RIMA Make, Sl. No.1237/3 Year of Manufacture 2003 lying at 110kv Hukkeri In -TL&SS Division,KPTCL, Chikodi on Total Turn Key Basis on percentage Tender Basis.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "E-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging onto E-procurement's website **https: //eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **4.00pm** on **16-09-2020.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.),**
**Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi-590010**

## ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ(ಪಿ)ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

### ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂರಚನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ ೧೯೯-೨೦೦೦ ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ ೨೦೦೦ ರ ಸಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಪಲಿವೀಕ್ಷಕಲಿಂದ ರುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾಲಕೆ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ /ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳುಃ- 1) ರುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ರುತ್ತಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. 2) ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಹಣವನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ (ವಿದ್ಯುತ್) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಃ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಕಚೇರಿ 0836-2351024 ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ:**http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ 18-09-2020 ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು

**ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ**

(1) **DMA/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT105423,** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ 20,65,622.58 ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ 50,000.00, 3 ತಿಂಗಳು

(2) **DMA/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT105554,** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ 2,09,602.77, ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ 6,200.00, 3 ತಿಂಗಳು

1)ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ 05/10/2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

2)ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಃ 06/10/2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪಿ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of Adarsh Nest Private Limited, having its office at No. 10, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560001 ("**ANPL**"), M/s Adarsh Developers, a partnership firm, having its office at No. 10, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560001 ("**Adarsh**"), Earnest Constructions Private Limited, having its office at No. 10, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560001 ("**ECPL**"), Alekhya Property Developments Private Limited, a company registered under the Companies Act 2013 having its office at No. 10, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560001 ("**APDPL**"), Akarsh Residence Private Limited, having its office at No. 10, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560001 ("**ARPL**"), and Mr. B. M. Karunesh, having office at No. 10, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560001, to the immovable properties as specified in the **Schedule** hereunder.

The notice is being given in connection with a proposed restructuring of existing financing, as part of which ANPL, Adarsh, ECPL, APDPL, ARPL and B. M. Karunesh intend to create security/ charge over their rights and interests in the immovable properties described in the Schedule hereunder favouring lender/s or security trustee acting on behalf of such lender/s.

Any person or persons, having any claim, interest or right on the properties described in the **Schedule** written hereunder or any part thereof by way of any litigation(s) pending before any court or tribunal or governmental or statutory authority or by way of inheritance, sale, exchange, mortgage, lien, pledge, gift, trust, bequest, possession, lease, charge, easement, grant, tenancy or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate the same to the undersigned in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/its claim, if any, with all supporting documents, failing which the transaction mentioned shall be completed without reference to such claim, and the claims, if any, of such person (s) shall be treated as waived, abandoned forever and not binding on the owners and / or our client.

**SCHEDULE REFERRED TO HEREINABOVE**

| Sl No | Survey No | Extent | | Boundaries | | | | Nature of Interest |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Acres | Guntas | East | West | North | South | |
| **Converted lands situated at Bhoganahalli, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk** | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | 40/1A | 01 | 9 ½ | Sy. No. 67 & Sy. No. 40/1B | Sy. No. 40/2 | Sy. No.41 | Sy. No.69/1 | ANPL as 'Owner' |
| 2. | 40/2 | 01 | 18 | Sy. No.40/1A | Sy. No.40/3 | Sy. No.41 | Sy. No.69/1 | |
| 3. | 40/3 | 01 | 12 | Sy. No.40/2 | Sy. No.40/4 | Sy. No.41 | Sy. No.69/1 & Sy. No.39 | |
| 4. | 40/4 | - | 14 | Sy. No.38/2 | Sy. No.40/3 | Remaining portion of Sy. No.40/4 | Sy. No.39 | |
| 5. | 41 | 05 | 11 | Sy. No.66 | Sy. No.42/1 | Sy. No.44/1, 44/2 & 44/3 | Sy. No.40/1A, 40/2, 40/3 & 40/4 | |
| 6. | 44/1 | 2 | 10 | Survey No. 62/1 | Property belonging to Gare Muniyappa | Property belonging to N Gundappa | Property belonging to Srinivasa Reddy | |
| 7. | 44/2 | - | 30 | Property belonging to B. M. Karunesh | Property belonging to B. M. Karunesh | Property belonging to Gundanna | Private Property | |
| 8. | 69/1 | - | 32 | Survey No. 69/1 | Survey No. 69/1 | Property belonging to K. T. Thimma Reddy | Property belonging to P. K. Srinivasa Reddy | |
| 9. | 69/1 | 1 | - | Railway Track | Survey No. 69/1 | Property belonging to Krishna Reddy | Property belonging to Jayamma | |
| 10. | 69/1 | 1 | 21 | Railway Track | Survey No. 37/2 belonging to D. Rathnamma | Survey No. 69/1 | Property belonging to Thimmaiah and Pottappa | |
| 11. | 70/1 | - | 37 ½ | Property belonging to Padmavathi | Survey No. 37/1 | Survey No. 69 | Survey No. 70/2 belonging to ANPL | |
| 12. | 70/2 | - | 22 ½ | Property belonging to D N Swamy | Survey No. 37/1 | Survey No. 70/1 belonging to ANPL | Survey No. 73 | |
| 13. | 50 | 3 | 34 | Sy. No.51 | Sy. No.9 &10 | Panathur Village Boundary | Sy. No.49 | |
| 14. | 51 | 2 | 32 | Sy. No.54 | Sy. No.50 | Sy. No.54 & Panathur Village Boundary | Sy. No.52 | |
| 15. | 91/1 | - | 13 | Doddakannel li Village boundary | Portion Survey No. 91/1 | Survey No.91/2 | Doddakannelli Village boundary | Adarsh as 'Owner' |
| **Converted lands situated at Gunjuru, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk** | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | 105/1 | 3 | 5 | Sy. No.105/2 | Sy. No.102/2 | Road | Sy. No.94 | ECPL as 'Owner' |
| 2. | 105/2 | 4 | 10 | Sy. No.105/3 & 105/4 | Sy. No.105/1 | Road & Sy. No.104 | Sy. No.94 | |
| 3. | 105/3 | 1 | 1 | Sy. No.106/1, 106/2 & 106/3 | Sy. No.105/2 | Sy. No.105/4 | Sy. No.94 | |
| 4. | 105/4 | - | 34 | Sy. No.106/1 | Sy. No.105/2 | Sy. No.107 | Sy. No.105/3 | |
| 5. | 99/3 | 1 | 14 | Property belonging to Lakshmai ahreddy | Property belonging to Munishamappa | Remaining portion of Sy. No.99 | Doddakannelli Village boundary & amp; Property belonging to Kakanna | |
| 6. | 99/3 | 3 | 14 | Property belonging to Lingamma, Munireddy & others | Property belonging to Muniyappa & others | Remaining portion of Sy. No.99 belonging to B.M. Karunesh | Doddakannelli Village boundary | |
| 7. | 99 | 16 | - | Sy.No.98 | Remaining portion of Sy. No.99 | Sy. No.100, 311 & 312 | Doddakannelli Village boundary | |
| **Converted lands situated at Kaikondralli, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk** | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | 64/1 | 1 | 34 | Sy.No.64/2 | Doddakannelli Village boundary | Doddakannelli Village boundary | Doddakannelli Village boundary | APDPL as 'Owner' |
| 2. | 64/2 | 2 | 22 | Sy.No.64/3 | Sy.No.64/1 | Doddakannelli Village boundary | Doddakannelli Village boundary | |
| 3. | 64/3 | 1 | 6 | Sy.No.64/4 | Sy.No.64/2 | Doddakannelli Village boundary | Doddakannelli Village boundary | |
| 4. | 64/4 | 2 | 5 | Doddakannelli Village boundary | Sy.No.64/3 | Doddakannelli Village boundary | Doddakannelli Village boundary | |
| **Converted lands situated at Doddakannalli, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk** | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | 94/2 | 1 | 33 | Sy.No.96/1B | Remaining portion of Sy.No. 94/2 | Bhoganahalli Village Boundary | Sy.No.94/3 | Adarsh as 'Owner' |
| 2. | 94/3 | - | 39 | Sy.No.96/2 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.94/3 | Sy.No.94/2 | Sy.No.94/4 | |
| 3. | 94/4 | - | 4.46 | Sy.No.96/2 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.94/4 | Sy.No.94/3 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.94/4 | |
| 4. | 94/4 | 1 | 3.09 | Sy.No.96/2 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.94/4 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.94/4 | Sy.No.94/6 | ARPL as 'Owner' |
| 5. | 94/6 | 2 | 9.87 | Sy.No.96/2 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.94/6 | Sy.No.94/4 | Road | |
| 6. | 96/2 | 6 | 29.44 | Sy.No.97 | Sy.No.94/4 & 94/6 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.96/2 | Road | |
| 7. | 97 | 2 | 29.86 | Sy.No.98 & Remaining portion of Sy.No.97 | Sy.No.96/2 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.97 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.97 | |
| 8. | 98 | 5 | 14.47 | Sy.No.99 | Sy.No.97 | Bhoganahalli Village Boundary | Remaining portion of Sy.No.99 | |
| 9. | 99 | 4 | 16.3 | Sy.No.100/2 | Sy.No.98 | Bhoganahalli Village Boundary | Remaining portion of Sy.No.99 | |
| 10. | 100/2 | - | 19 | Sy.No.100 | Sy.No.99 | Bhoganahalli Village Boundary | Sy.No.100 | |
| 11. | 96/1A | - | 11 | Sy.No.97 | Sy.No.96/1B | Bhoganahalli Village Boundary | Sy.No.96/2 | B.M. Karunesh as 'Owner' |
| 12. | 96/1B | 1 | 10 | Sy.No.96/1A | Sy.No.94/2 & Bhoganahalli Village Boundary | Bhoganahalli Village Boundary | Sy.No.96/2 | |
| 13. | 97 | 5 | 19.14 | Sy.No.98 | Sy.No.96/1A & 96/2 | Bhoganahalli Village Boundary | Remaining portion of Sy.No.97 | |
| 14. | 98 | | 20.93 | Remaining portion of Sy.No.98 | Sy.No.97 | Bhoganahalli Village Boundary | Remaining portion of Sy.No.98 | |
| 15. | 96/2 | 2 | 20.11 | Sy.No.97 | Sy.No.94/2, 94/3 &94/4 | Sy.No.96/1A & 96/1B | Remaining portion of Sy.No.96/2 | Adarsh & B.M. Karunesh jointly as 'Owners' |

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## IN THE COURT OF THE 28TH ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

**C.Misc. No. 4215/2020**

BETWEEN: **1. Ramakka** W/o. Late. Ramaiah, Aged about 70 years, **2. Smt. Renukka.R** W/o. Raju.A Aged about 56 years, **3. Smt. Padma Manjunath,** W/o. Manjunath Aged about 53 years, **4. Sri. Nagaraju,** Aged about 39 years, all are D/o & S/o. Late. Ramaiah, all are R/at. No.99/1, Near Kabbalamma Temple, Vaddarapalaya, Arehalli, Bengaluru-61 ...Petitioners

AND 1. The Tahasildar, Bengaluru South Division Bengaluru
2. The Registrar of Births & Deaths Bengaluru South, Bengaluru .... Respondents

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas the petitioners filed the above case for directing the respondents to make necessary entries regarding the date of death of husband of the first petitioner and father of the Petitioners No.2 to 4 namely **Sri.Ramaiah S/o.late. Subbaiah, who died on 09.02.1999 at No.99/1, Near Kabbalamma Temple, Vaddarapalya, Arehalli, Bengaluru-560061** in C.Misc. No.4215/2020 on the file of 28th Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bengaluru and anybody have any objection pleased to appear in this Hon'ble Court in person or by an advocate duly instructed **on 29/09/2020 at 11.00 A.M** to answer the claim. Take notice that the default of your appearance on the day above mentioned the matter will be heard and decided in your absence as per law.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this the **11th day of September 2020**

By order of the court, Sheristedar XXVIII A.C.M.M. Court Bengaluru

K.V.Ramu, Advocate, Office at No.12/2 10th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560002, Mob-9844378747

## IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

**IN**

**PROBATE CIVIL PETITION No. 10/2020**
**IN THE MATTER OF THE WILL OF**
**MR. S.B. SHIVA PRAKASH (DECEASED)**

**BETWEEN:**

**1. Smt. Gowri Prakash,** W/o Late. S.B. Shiva Prakash, Aged about 59 Years, Residing at No.201, Silver Palace, 1st Main Road, Near Kodava Samaj, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560001.

**2. Sri. Nikhil Prakash B.S.,** S/o Late. S.B. Shiva Prakash, Aged about 43 Years, Residing at No.13, 1st Main, 5th Block, Kumara Park West, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560020.

**3. Sri. Shivanna V,** S/o late Venkatappa, Aged about 60 years, Residing at Flat No. 003, Dharma 5, Sai Garden apts, Opp: H.P. Petrol Bunk, Kadugodi, Bengaluru- 560067

...PETITIONERS

AND NIL ...RESPONDENT

WHEREAS the Petitioners above named have made a Petition dated 06.08.2020 under sec 273 and 276 of the Indian Succession Act of 1925 for grant of probate on account of the death of MR. S.B. SHIVA PRAKASH who died on12.09.2018 in respect of properties of the deceased.

Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said Petition is posted for hearing **on 05.10.2020** and all the persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of probate.

Given under my hand and seal of this court this the 31st day of August 2020.

**By Order of the Court, Before the Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru-560001.**

Counsel for Petitioner

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### EXTRACT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2020

(Rs in Lacs)

| Sl. No. | Particulars | Standalone | | | Consolidated | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Quarter Ended | | Year Ended | Quarter Ended | | Year Ended |
| | | 30-06-2020 (Un audited) | 30-06-2019 (Un audited) | 31-3-2020 (Audited) | 30-06-2020 (Un audited) | 30-06-2019 (Un audited) | 31-3-2020 (Audited) |
| 1. | Total Income from Operations | 92.19 | 59.96 | 244.16 | 129.23 | 138.10 | 566.37 |
| 2. | Net Profit for the period before tax and exceptional items | 59.94 | -11.76 | -128.74 | 63.66 | -6.29 | -126.87 |
| 3. | Net Profit for the period before tax after exceptional items | 61.92 | -10.76 | -74.30 | 84.86 | 419.79 | 1371.31 |
| 4. | Net Profit for the period after tax exceptional items | 61.92 | -10.76 | -74.30 | 110.98 | 418.96 | 1370.11 |
| 5. | Total comprehensive income for the period (comprising profit for the period (after tax ) and other comprehensive income (after tax) | 62.40 | 442.91 | 1409.86 | 111.46 | 420.00 | 1372.45 |
| 6. | Paid up equity Share Capital | 1409.19 | 1409.19 | 1409.19 | 1409.19 | 1409.19 | 1409.19 |
| 7. | Other equity excluding revaluation reserves | - | - | 9150.41 | - | - | 10101.38 |
| 8. | Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/-each not annualized) (for continuing and discontinued operations) Basic and Diluted (in Rs.) | 0.44 | (0.08) | (0.53) | 0.79 | 2.97 | 9.72 |

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations,2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange Websites: **www bseindia.com , www.nseindia.com** and on the company's website **www.maharashtraapex.com**

**By Order of the Board,**
**For MAHA RASHTRA APEX CORPORATION LTD.,**

**Sd/-**
**(ASPI NARIMAN KATGARA)**
**MANAGING DIRECTOR (DIN-06946494)**

**Place : Mumbai**
**Date : 14.09.2020**

## HDFC House, # 51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore- 560001.

HDFC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED.

**Tel: 41183000/232 Fax:080-22275754, E-mail: customercare.bang@hdfc.com**
**Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai-400 020. INDIA. Corporate Identity Number: L70100MH1977PLC019916**

### POSSESSION NOTICE (Symbolic)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited,** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued Demand Notice dated under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s)/Legal heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

| Sl. No. | Name of Borrower(s) Legal heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s) | Outstanding Dues | Date of Demand Notice | Date of Possession Notice |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **M/s.Unicca Emporis Private Limited. ( Borrower), Mr.Sanjay Kumar Choudhary (Guarantor/ Mortgagor), Mr.Mehul Kishore Shah (Guarantor/Mortgagor), Mrs.Nilu Choudhary (Mortgagor), Mrs.Aditi Mehul Shah (Mortgagor) and Mrs.Sumathi Kishore Shah (Mortgagor)** | **1) Loan Account No.6360236328 2) Loan Account No.6360247027 Rs.19,71,73,758/- (Rupees Ninteen Crore Seventy One Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) Due as on 31.10.2019** | **28.11.2019** | **15.09.2020** |

**Description of the Property**

**Item No - 01:** All that piece and parcel of the following 30 unsold units/flats along with proportionate undivided share in the land (belonging to the Borrower's share) of the Project financed - **"Unicca Emporis"** being constructed on the property bearing Sy.No.11/1, situated at Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluka, Bangalore, (land admeasuring 3 acres and 5 guntas) and building constructed/to be constructed thereon present and future and **bounded on the: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Survey No: 11/2.

**Details of flats mortgaged:**

| SL. No. | Tower | Flat No. | Salable Area | Carpet Area (in Sq.Ft) | Undivided Share of Land | 1,2,3 BHK flats |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Aquetta | 102 | 2194 | 1535 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 2 | Aquetta | 602 | 2194 | 1257 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 3 | Aquetta | 401 | 1791 | 1257 | 669.7 | 3 |
| 4 | Aqua | 101 | 2194 | 1535 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 5 | Aqua | 102 | 2194 | 1535 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 6 | Aqua | 201 | 2194 | 1535 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 7 | Aqua | 202 | 2194 | 1535 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 8 | Aqua | 601 | 2194 | 1535 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 9 | Aqua | 1301 | 1791 | 1257 | 669.7 | 3 |
| 10 | Azur | 101 | 2194 | 1535 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 11 | Azur | 102 | 2194 | 1535 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 12 | Azur | 202 | 2194 | 1535 | 820.39 | 3 |
| 13 | Azur | 301 | 1791 | 1257 | 669.7 | 3 |
| 14 | Azur | 501 | 1791 | 1257 | 669.7 | 3 |
| 15 | Azur | 502 | 1791 | 1257 | 669.7 | 3 |
| 16 | Jal | 101 | 1755 | 1229 | 656.24 | 2 |
| 17 | Jal | 102 | 1755 | 1229 | 656.24 | 2 |
| 18 | Jal | 103 | 1755 | 1229 | 656.24 | 2 |
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Copies of the Panachanma drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is /are requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

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The stalemate continues over resuming inter-state bus services between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, with TSRTC officials demanding that their AP counterparts to operate route-specific services instead of kilometre-based services

Police lathicharge Youth Congress workers protesting against Minister KT Jaleel in front of the secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday | BP DEEPU

# JALEEL ROW: PINARAYI PLAYS RELIGION CARD

BJP targeting minister as he imported Quran, says Kerala CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'Puram

IN a deft political move aimed at defending Higher Education Minister K T Jaleel on religious lines, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday attempted to place the entire narrative of allegations around the import of the Quran and questioned the real interests of the BJP and the Muslim League in attacking the minister over the issue.

In his evening briefing, Pinarayi said it is true that the UAE Consulate gave a consignment of copies of the Quran to a section of people in the state during a festive occasion as a mark of respect and brotherhood.

"The BJP has a clear agenda in attacking the minister over this issue as it has a different political perspective. But what's the interest of the Indian Union Muslim League in joining hands with the BJP in attacking him over the import of the Quran? The Quran was gifted to the people of the state by another country and neither the state government nor the minority department has sought this," the CM said.

He said the Muslim League is using the opportunity to target the minister by creating a smokescreen over the issue despite the Quran being the religious text of a particular community.

"There was a deliberate attempt to unleash unnecessary campaigns in connection with the case which will not work in a state like Kerala. League is of the stance that if Jaleel is the target, even the Quran does not matter. Everyone in the state knows the circumstances that forced Jaleel to switch his loyalty to the Left from the League," Pinarayi said.

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The CPM strongman also lashed out at BJP president K Surendran over the latter's remarks against him and the attempt to link his daughter with the Life Mission row.

"The BJP president has lost his mental equilibrium and the party should think if a man like him should be allowed to head a party in the state," he said.

## Minister quizzed twice, may be summoned again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED), which interrogated Higher Education Minister K T Jaleel as part of its probe into the money trail behind the smuggling of gold via the diplomatic channel, is likely to question him again. If the secretive manner in which Jaleel had appeared for interrogation at the ED Kochi office on Friday morning had caused a furore, it has been revealed now that he was questioned on Thursday night as well.

"We asked him only about the copies of the Quran he had received from the UAE Consulate and his links with diplomats. It's too early to give him a clean chit. More investigation into this aspect is on. If we receive any incriminating material during the probe, we'll call him again," an ED source said.

Jaleel was first questioned by the ED at its Kochi office on Thursday and again on Friday. ED officials said the agency would interrogate eight people including some key witnesses in the case this week.

# Sasikala to be released on January 27

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

**V K SASIKALA**, expelled leader of Tamil Nadu's AIADMK, who has been cooling her heels at the Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara, will be released in another four months, according to an RTI reply from the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services.

In its reply on September 11, the department stated that Sasikala will be released on January 27, 2021, if she pays the fine levied by a Special Court and does not avail parole. If she fails to pay the fine, her jail term will be extended by another 13 months, and she will be released only on February 27, 2022. Advocate and RTI activist T Narasimha Murthy had filed the RTI application seeking information on the release date of Sasikala.

As per prison records, the "probable date of release" of Sasikala (convict prisoner number 9234) is January 27, 2021, if she pays the fine, the department said in the reply. "Her 'probable date of release' will be February 27, 2022, if the fine is not paid. Subsequently, the probable date of release may vary if she utilises parole facility."

While passing the judgement, the court had levied a fine of Rs 10 crore on Sasikala which she will now have to pay fully to avoid staying in jail.

It is learnt that the department had initially not revealed the information sought under RTI. When the application filed on August 4 received no response from the department, the applicant wrote to the Chief Justice of Karnataka requesting direction to the office concerned to provide the information. Only then, a month after the application was filed, the department sent the information under the RTI Act.

Sasikala, her sister-in-law J Ilavarasi and nephew V N Sudhakaran are lodged at the Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara, after the Supreme Court, on February 2017, upheld the Special Court's judgement convicting them in a disproportionate assets case and awarding them four years jail term in 2014.

TN ASSEMBLY SESSION

# 7.5% NEET reservation for Tamil Nadu govt school students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE State Assembly on Tuesday unanimously passed a Bill to provide 7.5 per cent horizontal reservation for government school students in undergraduate courses in medicine, dentistry, Indian medicine, and homeopathy, provided they have cleared the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET).

The quota would stand the test of law, said Law Minister CVe Shanmugam. The Supreme Court, in the past, has held that State governments have the powers to provide reservations -- which also means sub-quotas. Government school students can now apply for seats under the new quota or under the open category.

The Bill, introduced by Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami, does not apply to seats that come under the all-India quota. In due course the government will notify the rules to execute the legislation. Effectively, 300 seats will be reserved for students hailing from poor economic background, said Palaniswami.

"The Bill covers children who have studied in schools managed by city corporations and municipalities, apart from Adi Draidar and Tribal welfare schools, Kallar Reclamation schools, Forest Department schools, and those managed by government departments.

### THE RATIONALE

Over 38 per cent schools in the State are managed by the government. Of all students in the State, a substantial 41 per cent are studying in government schools. Of the 5,550 medical seats in the State, a good 4,043 come under the State quota. And yet, only 0.15 per cent students hailing from poor economic backgrounds manage to get a seat. "Considering the difference in the economic backgrounds of those studying in government and private schools, weighing them on equal footing would be unfair. Though the students from government schools clear the NEET, they don't get a sufficient number of medical seats.

### UG, PG exams: TS HC refuses to interfere with govt

Hyderabad: Paving the way to conduct various exams in the State, a division bench of Telangana High Court on Tuesday refused to interfere with the policy decision of the State government in conducting semester and final year examinations of undergraduate and postgraduate courses through physical mode.

EXPRESS READ

### Nun rape case trial begins today

Kottayam: As the final trial in the rape case filed by a nun against Bishop Franco Mulakkal of the Latin Catholic diocese of Jalandhar is set to commence here on Wednesday, the Additional District and Sessions Court I has restrained the print and electronic media from reporting the proceedings. As per an order issued by Additional Sessions judge G Gopakumar, print and electronic media have been "restrained from publishing any matter relating to the trial without the previous permission of the court". ENS

### IIM-B students, faculty condemn Umar's arrest

Bengaluru: In a statement of solidarity, 39 students, staffers and faculty members of the Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore (IIM-B) condemned the arrest of activist and former student of JNU, Umar Khalid, with regard to the violence that broke out in Delhi this February. "The undersigned students, staffers, and faculty of IIM-B condemn the arrest of academics and activists who have resisted the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. Peaceful non-violent protest is not only a fundamental right but also a fundamental duty in a democracy," the statement read. ENS

### CSIR, Aurobindo Pharma unite for Covid vaccine

Hyderabad: In a major collaborative effort, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Aurobindo Pharma Limited have announced that they would together develop vaccines to counter SARS-CoV-2 virus. As per an agreement signed between CSIR's lab -- Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and Aurobindo Pharma on Tuesday, the latter will take up the clinical development and commercialisation of the various vaccines developed by the CSIR Labs. As per the agreement, Aurobindo will undertake commercialisation and manufacturing aspects. ENS

GO FISH

With the Andhra Pradesh government easing Covid-19 restrictions, fishermen take out their boats hoping for a good catch in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday | SHRIRAM BN

## Karnataka may see higher revenue loss

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SOURCES in the Finance Department told *TNIE* that despite the additional borrowing, the state may see a considerable loss of receipts. Revenue loss for this fiscal is expected to be more than the additional borrowing.

Minister Madhuswamy said that state will borrow from existing sources. Karnataka usually borrows from the Centre , open market, LIC, NSSF, NCDC, RIDF, etc. With the GST Council too asking states to opt for borrowing to offset losses arising out of GST compensation shortfall, Karnataka has told the council that it would prefer to borrow Rs 11,324 crore through a special window facilitated by the GST Council from the RBI at a reasonable rate of interest (yet to be fixed).

Under this option, the principle and interest repayment will come out of compensation cess after 2022 when the first five years of the GST regime ends. A final decision on this is pending since other states have opposed the GST Council's suggestion.

## ISRO to offer commercial services through NSIL

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THE Indian Space Research Organisation aims to eventually mass produce space technology through its commercial arm NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), R Umamaheshwaran, ISRO Scientific Secretary, said on Tuesday.

The responsibility entrusted to NSIL, which was established in March 2019, has become more complex with more capital intensive activities, Umamaheshwaran said while talking about reforms approved by the government in the space sector.

"All technology spin offs that we (ISRO) have, will be offered for mass production. We have to convert some of the space-based technology which may not be commercially viable, into that which is commercially viable. The responsibility will be given to NSIL," Umamaheshwaran said, adding that NSIL will eventually own satellites.

While this announcement is yet to be made officially, a top official in the space agency told *TNIE* that satellite production was not a demand-driven structure.

"Earlier, ISRO had an assessment mechanism. Based on assessment, they approached the government for funds and the government funded the commercial satellites. But the government need not spend thousands of crores in building the commercial satellite. Hence, they decided that satellites have to be built based on commercial demand," the official told *TNIE*.

Unlike ISRO, NSIL will now build satellites and launch them as per demand, the officials said. It will also build launch vehicles such as SSLV, GSLV and GSLV Mk 3 through Indian industries. It will also own ISRO's satellites and space assets, and act as a satellite operator, Umamaheshwaran said.

# K'taka HC raps dental colleges over admissions

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THE Karnataka High Court has imposed exemplary cost on three dental colleges for allotting unfilled government quota seats to 81 students who had not passed the Common Entrance Test.

A division bench comprising Justice Krishna S Dixit and Justice P Krishna Bhat of Kalaburagi Bench ordered the three colleges to pay cost of Rs 8.1 crore - Rs 10 lakh per student admitted in violation of rules - to the court Registry within two months, failing which, a penalty of 2% interest per month would be imposed, and contempt proceedings would be initiated. The amount is to be transferred to the Chief Minister's Calamity/ Covid Relief Fund.

IN THE HC

SB Institute of Dental Science and Research, Hyderabad Karnataka Development Education Trust Dental College and Research Institute, in Bidar and S Nijalingappa Institute of Dental Sciences and Research in Kalaburagi allotted government quota seats to 81 students who had not written the CET. The Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences then cancelled the admissions multiple orders issued in 2015 and 2016, after which the colleges approached the high court.

"The petitioner-colleges have taken a tangent route in gross violation of the law of the land. Their conduct exhibits a recalcitrant attitude," the bench said.

The bench also quashed RGHUS orders cancelling the admission of the students and directed it to consider and accord ex-post facto approval within two months after they give an undertaking to render one year of rural service in Karnataka.

SOUTH CIRCUIT

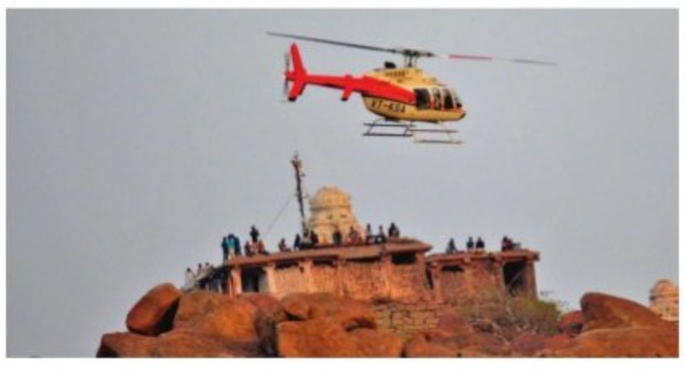
# *Coimbatore to Hampi by chopper: TN company gives new dimension to heli-tourism*

AMIT S UPADHYE AND KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

TALKS are underway to connect Hampi with Tamil Nadu through heli-rides. A Tamil Nadu-based travel company is in talks with the Archaeological Survey of India and other authorities to start a chopper service between Coimbatore and Hampi.

Heli-rides are conducted over Hampi during the annual Hampi Festival. There are helipads at Kamalapura, which is located close to Hampi. The new venture involves tourists travelling from Coimbatore to different tourist destinations in South India. To begin with, the company is offering heli-rides to Hampi, Mangaluru, Kodagu in Karnataka and Munnar in Kerala.

Express Holidays Company from Coimbatore will use a Bell407 chopper that can accommodate up to six passengers. The company has tied up with Planet X Areospace Pvt Ltd that will provide chopper rides to these destinations. A senior manager from Express Holidays told *TNIE* that enquiries have been coming in for chopper rides to Hampi from Tamil Nadu.



A chopper flies over Hampi during the Hampi Festival in 2019 | D Hemanth

"Currently, we are holding discussions with various service providing agencies including hotels, resorts and local transport agencies. We are also in touch with Central agencies for the clearance to fly as well as operate from these tourism areas. For instance, a trip to Hampi from Coimbatore for five people may cost close to Rs 5 lakh depending on the hours of flying. We are still working out on the final tariff," he said.

P Kalimuthu, Deputy Superintendent of Hampi Circle of the ASI said that heli-tourism will boost footfalls at Hampi and talks are on to introduce it. "There is a proposal in this regard and it will be decided by the Director General (DG)-level officers of the ASI. The ASI will lay down a set of guidelines," he said.

Recently, the Ministry of Culture had announced to upgrade current status of the ASI office in Hampi, which now has full-fledged circle to maintain and restore monuments. The ruins of Hampi attract tourists from all over the globe but due to the pandemic, footfalls have dropped over the last few months.

The district administration and Tourism department of Karnataka are planning to introduce new packages to increase the number of tourists in the coming days.

# EDITORIAL

You can enjoy your perceptions without actively engaging them, looking at them in the same way you'd look at the objects you'd experience in a dream

Mingyur Rinpoche

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— Ramnath Goenka

## INSENSITIVITY TOWARDS DEATHS OF MIGRANT WORKERS

It is insensitive, to say the least, for the Union government to refuse to compensate migrant families who lost their near and dear ones making the trek back home. The government's stand is based on the specious argument that there is no data available. "No such data is maintained. Question does not arise in view of the above," was the curt reply of Union Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar to questions from opposition benches. In the first Parliament session after the pandemic broke out in March, the labour ministry was asked: one, did the government have any data on migrant workers who had returned home? And two, were the names of those who had lost their lives documented?

More than a crore of migrants, a figure acknowledged by the government, had made their way back to their villages after lockdown conditions paralysed their sources of income. Most went hungry and thirsty; many lost their lives. The callous reply by the labour ministry is prima facie a breach of the apex court order of June 9 that had directed both the Centre and states to identify and transport migrant workers home within the next 15 days. If the registration process and transportation of migrants had been carried out as envisaged by the court, the basic database would have been available.

If the government is willing to look beyond its nose, there is volumes of private NGO data documenting the tragedy. For instance, the SaveLIFE Foundation, a road safety NGO, has documented that 198 migrant workers lost their lives in as many as 1,461 road accidents during the lockdown period till May 31. The labour ministry could have built up primary data too by inviting claims of deaths during those gruelling summer months. It is indeed bizarre that the Delhi Police, a Central government agency, has collected 11 lakh pages of data to confront arrested anti-CAA protestor Umar Khalid to establish a conspiracy, but has no data on those who died while on the move. Have the lives of those who toil and die by the wayside become so cheap?

## NEED CLARITY ON PLASMA THERAPY

To do or not to do, that seems to be the question about the convalescent plasma therapy being offered to Covid-19 patients across the country. Within days of an Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) trial suggesting that it failed to offer effective benefit to patients, a fresh study says that the therapy cannot just be written off. As several states continue to use the experimental therapy to reduce the severity of cases as well as deaths, the two studies only add to confusion. Not just in India, there is just as much—if not more—uncertainty on the subject in the US as there has been support as well as resistance to the therapy from the scientific community in that country.

The trial that the ICMR had led across 39 hospitals found that there was barely any difference either in progression to severity of the disease or in reduction of death among patients. Even as this brought disappointment to the health community engaged in the pandemic battle, the new study carried out by the International Centre for Genetic Engineering in collaboration with the ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research, Department of Biotechnology and the Emory Vaccine Centre, Atlanta, shed new light on it. The study actually says that the amount of antibodies in the donors' plasma may be key to its effectiveness, which gives the experimental therapy a new perspective. So far, the presence of the IgG antibody—or immunoglobulin G—was the criteria for administering the therapy on Covid patients. The latest study says that it is important to understand the levels of antibodies present in the plasma and even specifies the measurement that could lead to the successful use of plasma therapy.

However, challenges remain in terms of the clinical assessment of the exact levels of antibodies present in the donor's plasma. The new study says there is inadequate evidence to assess if all donors have the required volume of antibodies. The same also needs to be detected and clearly measured among the patients who receive it. These could present a challenge to certain states that are applying the therapy to reduce fatalities. ICMR, the apex medical research body of the country, will have its task cut out to provide clarity on the issue.

As every city in the world talks centralisation, Paris talks decentralisation. Its mayor has used the lockdown to ideate and reimagine the French capital. What's special about this?

## PARIS AND MOVING TOWARDS THE 15-MINUTE CITY

HARISH BIJOOR

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TAPAS RANJAN

Is Paris burning? It sure is, with new ideas for a post-pandemic Paris.

The French capital, led by its mayor Anne Hidalgo, is on the path of recrafting a 15-minute city. A city in which most of its residents need to just walk and cycle. A city in which you will need to go no greater distance than that in terms of time to live, work and play.

As every city in the world talks centralisation, Paris talks decentralisation. As every city talks of business districts, entertainment districts and areas that are about specialisation of interests, Paris wants to do it differently. In many ways, Dubai, with its mania to name every vertical with a city of its own (Media, Education, Logistics, Lifestyle, Internet City, etc.), seems to be its polar opposite.

So what's special about the 15-minute Paris? The mayor of the city has used the peace of the lockdown to ideate and put into place a whole network of cycle tracks, reposition car parking formats on the streets and free up space for the green and the friendly, as opposed to the grey and the boorish. Paris is going to look and feel different in a while, if the mayor has her way.

The thought of a 15-minute city in itself is interesting. In many ways, every small Indian village is a 15-minute village, if not smaller. In many ways, villages happened everywhere with just that thought in default. A village is all about access to everything you needed to live, work and play. You needed a network of wells, access to clean drinking water, access to buy the basics, access to food, water and clothing, and access to places of worship even.

And then the villages grew up to be small towns, and the towns into big cities. India today has hundreds of big cities and towns with a population of more than 1,00,000. And around 10 big cities with a population of more than three million. Are we 15-minute cities? I suspect we are better. Possibly four-minute cities even. But are we directionally right? Are we moving towards the proposed Paris model? Or are we becoming a Dubai? And what's the right thing to be?

I do believe that cities are living beings. Cities are as alive as its peoples. Cities in many ways go the way its people want them to. In the beginning, there is the yen to become bigger and bigger, and when push comes to shove and when bigness itself becomes a heavy liability to bear, it is time to break up into smaller units that are more manageable. A big city that is finding it too difficult to manage its myriad issues at the mass level therefore opts to split itself into smaller and more manageable entities. Possibly a ward-level management format as opposed to a big city form of management.

This movement of a big city into a micro city happens rarely by design, and more often than not by default. Those who live in these cities decide to become locals in their choice of living, restricting themselves and their movements to the locality they live in. They buy locally, work locally (more so now with work from home as the norm), educate themselves locally and entertain themselves locally as well. You create for yourself a comfort zone, a locality and community oyster of your own making.

The less you step out and commute, the less is the burden. But a 15-minute city is not only about you. It is about the immediate ecosystem you live in. The moment you decide to buy local, you encourage local trade of every kind

A big city is therefore an amalgam of micro-cities in any case. We need to recognise it for what it is. In India in particular, in most cities you can just step out and you are in your markets, of both the wet and dry kind. You have hotels and restaurants around, and you have retail stores of every brand to buy from. The new habit of branded retail outlets today is to have not one branch in a city but possibly 20. Enough to cater to the needs of the micro-cities within the city. And you have schools and colleges and tutorial institutes all over and within reach. Add to it the digital sustenance mechanisms of e-commerce, edtech, e-entertainment and telemedicine, and you are set to get as local as you wish to be.

Very simply put, when you get out of your home less, it means you have got all you want without stepping out. A one-minute city is just that. The less you step out and commute, the less is the burden then. A zero-pollute existence even. And precious time saved for sure.

A one-minute city, four-minute city or a 15-minute city is not only about you. It is about the immediate ecosystem you live in. The moment you decide to buy local, you encourage local trade of every kind, be it of the street-cart or local 'kirana' store variety. The local street presser will iron your clothes now, as opposed to that big branded outlet you normally take your clothes to iron.

Water finds its own level. The local ecosystem then energises itself to cater to the needs and wants of the people who live around them. And guess what, when you walk into your local 'kirana' store, it's more likely that the guy behind the counter recognises you and asks you about your kid and how her karate classes are going on. This will not happen at that big organised retail hypermarket for sure. Personalisation wins at local.

But then, it's all about what you want. Do you want Selvam the fishmonger to recognise you and do that friendly chat about your success with marriage alliances for your son? Or do you want the anonymity of the big city of the future? An anonymity you enjoy when you walk into a big centralised store of the supermarket 21 km away, where it does not matter whether you are man, woman, child or cat, just as long as you have a living credit card on you.

To Paris then! To Dubai then! And to each of our Indian cities then!

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## ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT: THE JOURNEY BEGINS

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The Covid-19 outbreak has brought the globalised world to a standstill. In pre-Covid times, we existed in a world where countries were used to importing all that they could not produce at home. Further, India's economy has taken a massive financial hit during the lockdown imposed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. This was aggravated by the vulnerability India has seen both on the economic front and on the borders. Facing uncertain waters, the BJP-led Central government collected itself and decided to take strong measures to revive the economy via its flagship program called the "Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan", which translates to "Self-reliant India Mission". The idea, apparently, was not to cut off imports drastically, but rather to introspect, evolve and uplift the industries here at home and make Indian goods popular amongst Indians again. As a step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat, on May 12, a special package was introduced by the prime minister to revive and protect the economy that has suffered a major setback due the pandemic.

The Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan was aimed firstly at providing financial support to the most vulnerable classes of society such as daily-wage earners and secondly, at reviving cottage industries, MSMEs and local industries among others by laying emphasis on land, labour, liquidity and laws. Under the Abhiyan, a comprehensive economic package of ₹20 lakh crore (approximately 10% of India's GDP) was announced. The beauty of this Mission is that it concentrates on the revival of every sphere from demand and supply to manufacturing to bring the Indian economy back on track by focusing on the five "pillars", namely economy, infrastructure, technology-driven systems, vibrant demography and demand. The package's core area of attention is MSMEs and agriculture activities and accordingly, the Union finance minister announced structural reforms in four tranches to pave the way for Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Tranche 1: These set of relief measures are worth ₹5,94,550 crore and include funding as well as loan guarantees for MSMEs, NBFCs/HFCs, DISCOMS, contractors, real estate and salaried workers. Tranche 2: Worth ₹3,10,000 crore with a focus on migrant workers, small farmers, street vendors and the poor. Tranche 3: Worth ₹1,50,000 crore. The core focus is on agriculture and allied sectors like dairy, animal husbandry and fisheries so as to strengthen the overall farm sector. Tranche 4: Worth ₹48,100 crore with a focus on eight critical sectors—coal, minerals, defence production, airspace management, social infrastructure projects, power distribution companies, space sector and atomic energy.

Direct benefit was given to more than 24 lakh MSMEs through the government's policy of imposing strict limits on imported products like sports equipment, toys, chemicals, etc. It also gave a strong push to the Indian defence manufacturing industry by banning more than 101 imported products.

Let us take a brief look at some of the benefits conferred by this policy on a few sectors.

1. MSMEs: The government will offer ₹3 lakh crore as collateral free or unsecured loan to MSMEs with an annual turnover of ₹100 crore or an outstanding loan of ₹25 crore. Further, loans of ₹20,000 crore will be given to stressed MSMEs. It will help resume businesses, strengthen the supply chain and reduce dependence on other countries.

2. Power distribution companies: The government will provide a ₹90,000 crore bailout to cash-starved DISCOMS and independent power producers. Privatisation of DISCOMS functioning in Union Territories to strengthen as well as bring efficiency and thus provide stability to the stressed power sector.

3. Agriculture and allied sectors: NABARD will provide financing facility for funding agriculture infrastructure projects at the farm gate and for cluster formation across all levels. The financial assistance will focus on improving the farm gate infrastructure like warehousing, cold chains and post-harvest management infrastructure.

4. Civil aviation: The government will ease the restriction placed on utilisation of Indian airspace for commercial flights (currently 60% of domestic airspace is available), and will help these companies save in terms of operational costs.

5. Real estate: The government has extended the CLSS (Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme) for middle income households to March 2021. This will lead to investments of ₹70,000 crore in the housing sector, thus boosting the ailing sector.

Rarely does it happen that one policy benefits multiple sectors... It appears the government has been successful in its citizens in awakening patriotism in order to boost demand for local-made products

The GoI is taking steps to ensure the safety of the people and making sure we are well prepared to face the threats posed not only by Covid-19, but also by any similar possibility in the future. That India has the capacity to be self-reliant but only lacked appropriate economic policies and perhaps, motivation, is apparent from the fact that the nation went from zero production of Personal Protection Equipment kits in March to producing 2 lakh PPE kits daily.

As the world races to find a cure and vaccine for SARS-Cov-2, India is looking to be self-reliant in both development of the vaccine and its mass production. Called by some as the "pharmacy of the world", India has the largest capacity to produce Covid-19 vaccines. It appears that ventilator production in the country has also been pumped up in the face of the pandemic. Several Unlock phases with easing of restrictions have been announced by the government to enable resumption of economic activities while maintaining abundant caution.

Rarely does it happen that one policy benefits multiple sectors. It's not only about promoting domestic products and increasing value of the home currency, but also about realising the true potential of Indian brands and making them global. This booster shot is the Centre using a certain percentage of the GDP and proportionately distributing the amount across a variety of sectors of industry and society. What is also interesting is the manner in which the idea of a self-reliant India has resonated with the citizens of the country. It appears that the government has been successful in awakening patriotism in its citizens in order to boost demand for local-made products. It's the basics of economics that demand leads to supply and this has given a renewed motivation and incentive to small-scale industries and MSMEs to shine and make a better market for themselves and create more jobs. As the government instils confidence in its citizens and nudges them towards being self-reliant by arming them with the resources to grow, there is hope after all that even in the dark times of Covid-19, there is a silver lining of aspirational prosperity, job creation, vamped-up production, quality manufacturing, protection of vulnerable classes and elevation of the middle classes.

India is today transitioning from a situation where it opened its doors to liberalisation and globalisation to one where it has to rearm itself to become a competitive manufacturing hub, a self-reliant country that can face war and pandemics, and a comfortable investment destination where the world can relocate to capitalise on its huge and talented manpower and geographic advantages.

One cannot look at it as a crude strategy to close down China and replace it with India. It is more of a strategy to make India equally attractive, to make the world believe in the regulatory stability in our country and to revive the nation and truly put it in on the world map.

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## MAILBAG

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### Covid and the heart

This is with reference to *How Covid hits the heart and what that means* (Sep 15). Any damage cannot be set completely right as the heart cannot regenerate.

**Ravi Nair, Palakkad**

### Democracy and reforms

This is with reference to *Agenda for democratic reforms* (Sep 15). The spirit of democracy is based on the idea that every citizen can have a say in governance, even if indirectly. The Centre is taking away this opportunity by curtailing Question Hour. The author is right in asking for reforms to improve democracy.

**Methil Somasundaram, Padur**

### Not worth counting?

It is tragic that the government has no data on the number of migrants who died while on their way home by foot during the initial lockdown. It seems the lives of the poor are not worth counting.

**M Haneef, Kottayam**

### Ill-timed strike

The move by Karnataka government doctors to go on strike by suspending the submission of Covid reports and not attending meetings with higher-ups is ill-timed. Their demand of better pay is not wrong, but holding the government to ransom when battling Covid is not right.

**N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru**

### New tennis heroes needed

This is with reference to *Thiem's turn to bask in the limelight* (Sep 15). Men's tennis badly needs champions other than Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic .

**C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam**

### Grabbed the opportunity

Thiem's victory in the US Open after trailing by two sets certainly seems to herald a new era in tennis. One could argue this was aided by the absence of Nadal and Federer, compounded by the early disqualification of Djokovic. But players of calibre grab opportunities.

**Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur**

### Don't impose a language

Union Home Minister Amit Shah saying Hindi is an 'easy' language may be his point of view as he is fluent in it. The present arrangement is the best, with both Hindi and English as unifying languages. Trying to impose a language would lead to disunity.

**Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta**

### Unity in diversity

I agree that Hindi has been a unifying force for centuries. At the same time, there are many languages in India; none of them are superior to the others. Let us be proud to have unity in diversity.

**Kiran Joseph S J, Madurai**

### Real life different from films

The statement by Tamil actor Suriya against the apex court's decision to go ahead with the NEET is highly unwarranted. It seems he was trying to politicise the matter. Celebrities should understand that real life situations are different from reel ones.

**A P Thiruvadi, Chennai**

### Blown out of proportion

Actor Suriya's recent comment has been needlessly blown out of proportion. He did not make any remarks on the morals of judges, but just stated his own opinion.

**R Sivakumar, Chennai**

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**TWEETS OF THE DAY**

**Sitaram Yechury** @SitaramYechury
Withdraw ordinances handing over our agriculture to multinationals, further ruining our 'annadaata', demolishing food security.

**Abhishek Banerjee** @abhishekaitc
Absolutely zilch amount of data with @BJP4India Govt on the countless lives & jobs lost among migrant workers!

**Randeep Singh Surjewala** @rssurjewala
Rajnath ji, the country is united. But tell us how did China occupy our land? Why did Modi mislead saying China never infiltrated?

# Army stocks supplies for long haul at LAC

Rajnath Singh says troops fully geared up at the border even as government engages in de-escalation efforts

**MAYANK SINGH** @New Delhi

BRIEFING Parliament on the current situation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday stated that even as the government was engaged in efforts to de-escalate the tensions, the country was fully geared up to face any contingency and the military has done all preparations along the LAC to counter Chinese attempts.

Detailing the military and logistical preparations along the LAC, a senior Army officer said stockpiling for the winter season had been completed and the troops were prepared for a long campaign if the Chinese makes any further attempt at incursion.

"We have stocked ammunition, ration and fuel at various echelons with 15 days' extra stocking with those troops that are right at the front and another seven days' extra stocking with those formations that are right behind them," the officer said. The Army has planned the whole supply line in such a manner that once a truck moves out for stocks, it will reach back to its original location within 24 hours, informed the officer. As for the living arrangements, he said temporary shelters with insulation and proper heating arrangements have been built for every soldier under deployment.

The Air Force has deployed its strategic lift transport aircraft C-17 Globemaster and the Ilyushin-76 Gajraj along with the medium-lift tactical aircraft Antonov-32 and the Chinook helicopters. An officer said the entire logistics is "so well-oiled that in case of a requirement, we can move the entire Division level military formation and equipment".

IAF's C-17 Globemaster flies over Leh district on Tuesday amid the India-China stand-off along the LAC | PTI

### Deep suspicion

The unilateral movement by the PLA in Ladakh has created a deep-rooted suspicion that will affect the entire LAC, military experts said. "The deployment pattern will change not just in eastern Ladakh but will be seen all across the LAC for at least two years," said Lt-Gen (retd.) D S Hooda.

The PLA, which earlier kept its troops much deeper, will also position them closer to the LAC, he said. Major General (retd) D K Mehta said even while the Ladakh stand-off continued, China in June claimed 3,300 sq km of the Bhutanese territory. This will allow China to move its troops closer, which will force India to maintain troops along the LAC in the coming days, he said.

## *'Fake news triggered exodus of migrants'*

The migration of a large number of migrants during the lockdown was triggered by panic created by fake news about its duration, the centre told the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai stated this in the parliament while replying to an unstarred question from TMC MP Mala Roy, who sought the reason why thousands of labourers started walking home from big cities as as the lockdown was imposed. In response, Rai said: "The exodus was triggered by panic created by fake news regarding the duration of lockdown."

## *Jaya slams BJP MP over drugs remarks*

Rajya Sabha MP Jaya Bachchan on Tuesday hit out at BJP MP and actor Ravi Kishan's comments about drug addiction in Bollywood, saying one can't tarnish the entire industry because of a few people. Raising the matter during Zero Hour in the Upper House, she said the government must offer protection to the film industry and not kill it. "Just because of a few people, you can't tarnish the imageof the industry. I was embarrassed and ashamed that one of our members in the Lok Sabha, who is from the industry, spoke against the film industry," she said.

## LS clears Bill to amend Essential Commodities Act

NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020, which deregulates food items, including cereals, pulses, and onion, to transform the farm sector and raise farmers' income amid protests by the Opposition.

The Bill mandates that the stock limits could be imposed on agricultural commodities only under exceptional circumstances, including natural calamities, while deregulating cereals, edible oils, pulses, onions, potatoes and oilseeds.

The Opposition, while taking part in the discussions over the Bill, strongly protested the legislation, arguing that the move is aimed to benefit the corporate and the traders. The government, on the contrary, maintained that the legislation is an agrarian reform, which will help the farmers realise better prices for their produces. BSP MP Danish Ali said the Bill is not in the interests of the farmers as claimed by the government. AAP MP Bhagwant Singh Mann said it will benefit the hoarders only to influence the prices of the crops to their benefits.

Coming down heavily on the Bill, CPI (M)'s A M Arif said it should rather be renamed as "food hoarding freedom for corporates bill, 2020". *ENS*

'FICTITIOUS'

# India walks out of SCO's NSA meet over Pakistan map

**PUSHKAR BANAKAR** @New Delhi

INDIA on Tuesday walked out of a virtual meeting of the National Security Advisers (NSAs) of the SCO in protest against Pakistan's depiction of sovereign Indian territories in its "fictitious" map. New Delhi said Islamabad's move was in "blatant disregard to host Russia's advisory".

"At the meeting of National Security Advisers of member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation today, hosted by the Chair of the SCO (Russia), the Pakistani NSA deliberately projected a fictitious map that Pakistan has recently been propagating. This was in blatant disregard to the advisory by the host against it and in violation of the norms of the meeting. After consultation with the host, the Indian side left the meeting in protest at that juncture. Pakistan then went on to present a misleading view of this meeting," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

On August 4, Pakistan had released a new political map depicting the union territories of J&K, Ladakh and parts of Gujarat to be its territories. India had termed the move to be without any legal basis and an exercise in political absurdity.

Commenting on the walkout, government sources said that Islamabad's move was provocative and added that Moscow in, anyway, does not support it.

"Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of the National Security Council of the Russian Federation, has conveyed that Russia does not support what Pakistan has done. Russia hopes Pakistan's provocative act will not affect India's participation in SCO and not cast any shadow on Patrushev's warm ties with NSA Ajit Doval. Patrushev hopes to see the NSA at forthcoming events," sources said.

**Depicting J&K, Ladakh as Pakistan territories**

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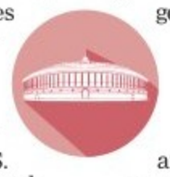
# Restore MPLADS, scrap Central Vista: MPs to govt

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @New Delhi

THE Opposition MPs in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday strongly protested the suspension of the MP local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) funds for two years and sought scrapping of the ₹20,000 crore Central Vista project instead, saying the government should avoid unnecessary expenses when the country is facing an economic crisis.

The lawmakers argued that the MPLADS corpus was all the more necessary in times of the Covid-19 pandemic to boost the medical infrastructure in their constituencies.

Participating in a discussion on The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020, MPs cutting across party lines supported the move to cut 30 per cent of their salaries to meet the financial expenses for the Covid-19 mitigation measures and, at the same time, forcefully pitched for restoration of MPLADS.



Under the MPLADS, each MP gets ₹5 crore every year to carry out development works in their constituencies.

"None of us have any problems with the salary cuts, but the MPLADS fund is for the people of out constituencies. By suspending the same, the government in two years will get ₹8,000 crore.

"It should rather scrap the ₹20,000 crore Central Vista project," NCP's Supriya Sule said, adding that the amount should rather be spent on buying ventilators and beefing up the medical infrastructure in the country to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic.

The government had come out with an ordinance during lockdown to cut the salaries of MPs by 30 per cent and suspend the MPLADS for two years in the wake of the drain on the exchequer put by the Covid-19.

Even the NDA friendly parties that are known to strike the middle ground in Parliament, such as the Biju Janata Dal and the YSR Congress, protested the suspension of MPLADS, arguing that the fund was more relevant in times of Covid-19 to meet the local demands of the people, which may not be addressed by the Centre and the state governments urgently.

> **Do you want a central vista and an office, or a ventilator and a good hospital in your constituency? It is not rocket science. I urge this government to come clean on this** —Supriya Sule, NCP MP

EXPRESS READ

### Railways to run 20 pairs of clone trains

New Delhi : Indian Railways on Tuesday said it would run 20 pairs of clone trains from September 21 to handle the rush of waitlisted passengers. "The Indian Railways has decided to run 2- pairs of clone trains from September 21 on specific routes. These trains shall run to notified timings," the ministry said. It said 19 pairs of trains will be operational on Humsafar rakes and fares would be similar to those of Humsafar trains.

### India's air safety much better than others: Puri

New Delhi: India has one of the better air safety indicators in the world as aircraft accidents in the country in 2019 were just 0.82 per million flights as compared to the global average of 3.02, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said. "Regardless of the motivated narrative on India's aviation safety record, I would reiterate that we have one of the better safety records/indicators in the world," he tweeted.

# PMAY-G: ONLY 50% HOUSES COMPLETED

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @New Delhi

THE Narendra Modi government's pet housing for all scheme — the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) — seems to be running behind the scheduled deadline as only 50 per cent of the targets have been achieved, data from the Rural Development Ministry has revealed.

According to the data, only 1.12 crore of the 2.44 crore houses sanctioned have been completed as of September 11, 2020. The scheme is part of the government's promise of 'Housing For All' by 2022, for which the flagship programme of PMAY-G was launched on November 20, 2016.

Officials say the Covid-19 pandemic had stopped the construction of the houses but will pick up soon as the country has entered Unlock period. "The pandemic brought the world to a standstill and this scheme was no different. There was an economic crunch, and disbursement of instalments was hit, so was the pace of the construction due to lack of labour. Now that unlock is underway, the construction and disbursement of funds will be brought back to track soon," a ministry official said, adding that the numbers could be higher as many states have not updated latest figures on the software.

In terms of numbers, Madhya Pradesh is one of the slowest with completion of only 17 lakh houses, while the state has a target of around 30 lakh houses. Odisha, too, has a similar completion rate with only 12.8 lakh houses being built of the set target of 24.3 lakh houses.

| STATE | SANCTIONED | COMPLETED |
|---|---|---|
| Arunachal pradesh | 34,042 | 15,53 |
| Assam | 8,81,833 | 3,17,507 |
| Bihar | 32,85,574 | 12,20,596 |
| Chhattisgarh | 15,88,202 | 7,44,899 |
| Goa | 1,707 | 73 |
| Gujarat | 4,66,678 | 2,38,229 |
| Haryana | 21,502 | 20,400 |
| Himachal pradesh | 14,863 | 7,371 |
| Jammu & kashmir | 1,65,801 | 24,736 |
| Jharkhand | 12,81,857 | 6,87,294 |
| Kerala | 42,431 | 16,996 |
| Madhya pradesh | 30,10,329 | 17,01,740 |
| Maharashtra | 12,09,398 | 5,004,39 |
| Manipur | 34,482 | 9,070 |
| Meghalaya | 67,881 | 17,374 |
| Mizoram | 19,681 | 3,317 |
| Nagaland | 24,383 | 4,237 |
| Odisha | 24,23,012 | 12,83,013 |
| Punjab | 24,000 | 14,150 |
| Rajasthan | 15,71,213 | 9,27,075 |
| Sikkim | 1,079 | 1,055 |
| Tamil nadu | 5,27,552 | 2,55,599 |
| Tripura | 53,827 | 37,498 |
| Uttar pradesh | 14,61,516 | 14,28,691 |
| Uttarakhand | 12,666 | 12,362 |
| West bengal | 34,04,467 | 18,81,967 |
| Andaman & nicobar | 2,125 | 354 |
| Dadra & nagar haveli | 5,718 | 424 |
| Daman and diu | 15 | 13 |
| Lakshadweep | 57 | 33 |
| Puducherry | 0 | 0 |
| Andhra pradesh | 1,23,112 | 46,723 |
| Karnataka | 3,83,064 | 85,625 |
| Telangana | 0 | 0 |
| Ladakh | 0 | 1,205 |
| TOTAL | 2,21,44,067 | 1,14,91,618 |

# Supreme Court restrains Sudarshan TV from airing 'hate show'

**KANU SARDA** @New Delhi

EXPRESSING deep concern on use of electronic media to attack a particular community, the Supreme Court on Tuesday restrained *Sudarshan TV* from telecasting new episodes of its show *Bindas Bol*, saying the programme prima facie appears to vilify the Muslim community.

The observation by a bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud, Indu Malhotra and K M Joseph came while hearing a petition against the show, terming the entry of Muslims in civil services as 'bureaucratic jihad'.

"As the Supreme Court of this nation, we can't allow you to say that Muslims are infiltrating civil services. We can't tolerate this," the bench said.

According to the channel's submission before the SC, four episodes have been aired and five more episodes are pending. "Here is one anchor who says one particular community is trying to infiltrate the civil services. Can anything be more insidious?" Justice Chandrachud remarked, adding that such allegations also cast aspersions on the credibility of the UPSC exam.

**'Panel should be set up to suggest principles'**

Stressing "the need to regulate the electronic media now", the bench agreed that "the State cannot do this". It added that a panel of five distinguished citizens can be set up to suggest certain principles to guide the electronic media.

"What you are doing does not do credit to our democratic system. Your client is doing great disservice to the nation," he told advocate Shyam Divan, who appeared for the channel.

As Solicitor General Tushar Mehta argued that "freedom of journalist is supreme" and that "it would be disastrous for any democracy to control press," the bench stressed that such programmes that tend to show a particular community in bad light cannot go without scrutiny. "No freedom is absolute...," Justice Joseph said.

The bench said it was not suggesting 'censorship on media, but there should be some kind of self-regulation. "The problem with electronic media is all about TRPs, thus leading to more sensationalism. So many things masquerade as a form of right," it observed.

The court was of the view that electronic media, because of its access, can become a focal point for destabilising the nation, and hence, certain standards should guide them.

# Hospitals scramble for oxygen, govt denies shortage

Healthcare workers protest demanding better medical facilities in Srinagar | PTI

**SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA** @New Delhi

ALMOST 20 times jump in the number of Covid-19 patients needing oxygen support over the last three months coupled with supply issues has triggered a near scramble in several states as the active cases in the country are now just short of 1 million.

As per the data shared by the Centre, the number of Covid-19 patients needing oxygen on Tuesday was 5.94% (58,809) of 9,90,061. This includes patients on ventilators, ICU or only on oxygen support.

In comparison, the number of patients requiring the medical supply was less than 3,000 on May 7, when the number of active cases in India was 35,902. Doctors worldwide have found that high oxygen therapy could be real life-saver. In India, hospitals are struggling to ensure its availability for thousands hanging between life and death.

At a press briefing on Tuesday, Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan denied that there was a shortage of medical oxygen. "We have, therefore, a headroom of about 1,900 MT oxygen per day as of now, but there are issues with inventory management at the hospital level," he said.

# Experts find unique case of asymptomatic Covid relapse

> **The governments should have been more proactive in ensuring that a larger chunk of oxygen produced is diverted for medical use**
>
> Chandrakant Lahariya, epidemiologist

**Experts say**

Experts say the increase in the percentage of active cases requiring oxygen could be because a higher proportion of patients now require hospital-based care.

**RICHA SHARMA** @New Delhi

EXPERTS in India have found a unique case of asymptomatic coronavirus reinfection in two healthcare workers, possibly the first instance in the country. Also, one of them infected appeared to carry a variant that conferred resistance to neutralising antibodies. According to a report, pre-printed by the CSIR-IGIB, Greater Noida, and AcSIR, suggests that patients were symptomatic in either one or both episodes of infection.

The healthcare workers first tested postive on May 5 and May 17 respectively and were hospitalised according to the hospital policy even though they were asymptomatic. They tested negative on May 13 and 27 respectively. After they resumed work, they again tested positive on August 21 and September 5 respectively. They were home quarantined, and tested negative again 14 and 6 days later respetively.

"Both individuals were asymptomatic but had a higher viral load in the second episode of reinfection," the authors note, adding that the antibody didn't last for longer as both the patients were close to Covid-19 ward.

COVID-EFFECT

# Govt releases new education calendar

NEW DELHI: Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on Tuesday released alternative academic calendars for the next eight weeks to engage students keeping at home due to the Covid-19.

The calendars for students, parents and teachers for all the classes has been developed by the NCERT under the guidance of the ministry.

"The calendar provides guidelines to teachers on the use of various technological tools and social media tools available for imparting education in fun-filled, interesting ways, which can be used by learner, parents and teachers even while at home," said Pokhriyal. The calendar contains a week-wise plan consisting of various activities, with reference to theme or chapter taken from syllabus or textbook. *ENS*

**MLA DIES**

Three weeks after testing Covid positive, Goverdhan Singh Dangi, the Congress MLA from Biaora, died following multiple-organ failure at a hospital in Gurugram. With Dangi's death, the by-elections will now happen for 28 Assembly seats in Madhya Pradesh

**2 MEN** ARRESTED WITH FIREARMS IN PUNJAB

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | 36 | 25 | Mumbai | 31 | 25 |
| Bhopal | 34 | 24 | Panaji | 30 | 24 |
| Jaipur | 37 | 26 | Patna | 35 | 26 |
| Amritsar | 36 | 26 | Lucknow | 35 | 27 |
| Chennai | 32 | 25 | Port Blair | 30 | 24 |
| Kolkata | 33 | 28 | Imphal | 31 | 21 |
| Srinagar | 30 | 14 | Chandigarh | 35 | 26 |

# Bihar gets ₹541 cr projects in third tranche

PM inaugurates 2 STPs, water supply schemes for Chapra and Siwan, lays fundation stone for Muzaffarpur Riverfront

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

IN a third episode of launching new projects in poll-bound Bihar; Prime Minister Modi on Tuesday inaugurated four schemes and laid the foundation for three water supply related schemes worth ₹541crore.

These projects are related to urban development infrastructure in the state capital and other cities of the state, including Muzaffarpur, a prominent textile trading hub.

"The villages of Bihar suffered as planners focused on cities' development," said the PM. "Vote-bank politics further weakened the system. The worst sufferers were those who belonged to the deprived sections."

PM Narendra Modi launches development projects in Bihar on Tuesday | PTI

**AIIMS to come up in Darbhanga**

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved an AIIMS at Darbhanga in Bihar. The AIIMS will be established under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana at a total cost of ₹1,264 crore. The project is likely to be completed within four years. The AIIMS will have a hospital with capacity of 750 beds, besides a Medical College and AYUSH Block.

Elections in Bihar are due in October-November.

The PM appreciated the roles of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his deputy Sushil Kumar Modi, saying they were trying to restore the confidence of the weakest sections of the society.

"In urban areas of Bihar, works for connecting lakhs of people with tap water are in full swing. The goal is to connect around 12 lakh families with drinking water supply under the Amrit Yojna," Modi said, adding nearly half of the targeted population has already benefited.

The PM said Bihar has had a cultural and commercial bonding with the Ganga. "More than 50 projects worth ₹6,000 crore have been approved for Bihar because the state's 20 big cities are located along the river."

Under the Namami Ganga Mission, construction works of more than 180 ghats are going on in the country, including in Bihar, and out of them, 130 ghats have already been completed.

He said villages situated along the banks of the Ganga are also being developed as Ganga Grams.

He called upon the people to work together for all-round development and meet the global standards of urbanization.

Official sources said two water treatment plants built at a cost of ₹151 crore and inaugurated by the PM in Patna will prevent 8 crore litre of drain water from being discharged daily into the Ganga in Patna.

# No leader under house arrest in J&K, says Centre

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Tuesday denied the charge of keeping anyone under house arrest in Jammu and Kashmir and added that 223 political leaders remain under detention.

These political leaders were imprisoned last year after the Centre scrapped J&K's special status of by abrogating Article 370 and split the state into two Union Territories.

While some like former chief ministers Omar and Farooq Abdullah have been released, several others including Mehbooba Mufti, remain in detention.

**PDP claimed home detention**

The Centre's response came weeks after leaders of Peoples Democratic Party alleged that they were stopped from attending an event on September 3. Some of them had posted videos showing police outside their houses

During the monsoon session on Tuesday, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy said that in view of the constitutional changes effected by Parliament with regards to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, 2019, various measures were taken to maintain public order which included preventive detention of certain persons.

"As on September 11, 2020, 223 persons are under detention. No person is under house arrest in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," Reddy said, in a written reply to a question by TMC parliamentarian Saugata Roy on 'detention of political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir'.

Reddy further told the parliament that since the erstwhile state was bifurcated, terrorism and militancy in the region have reduced significantly. "From June 29, 2018 to August 4, 2019 [402 days], there were 455 terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir and from August 5, 2019 to September 9 [402 day], a total of 211 such incidents took place in the newly created Union Territory," the minister told the Lok Sabha.

Among those who questioned the government's statement was PDP leader Waheed Ur Rahman who said the government was "blatantly" lying in the Parliament. "It has now been 7 months of house arrest and 6 months of detention for many of us, since 5 August, 2019," Rahman tweeted.

Another PDP leader Naeem Akhtar slammed Reddy's statement in Parliament. "There are many categories of lies. Lies, white lies, Data, Judicial lies (spoken on oath), Parliamentary lies: This government excels in all," he tweeted.

*With inputs from Fayaz Wani in Srinagar*

POLL STRATEGY

# Nitish on overdrive to secure Dalit votebank

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

THE ruling JD-U is fine-tuning its strategy to woo Dalit voters forming around 16% of the electorate in poll-bound Bihar, where turnout by 22 Scheduled Caste communities can able to influence the outcome in all the 243 Assembly constituencies.

The **Nitish Kumar** government has already decided to provide government jobs to family members of Dalits killed in the state. The JD-U will now task four influential community leaders to visit the Dalit-dominated areas to publicize the decision.

In Covid-impacted elections, the JD-U believes the turnout of the Dalit voters would be far better than the voters of other communities.

At least four ministers — Ashok Kumar Choudhary, Maheshwar Hazari, Santosh Nirala and Krishna Kumar Rishi — have been told to oversee the implementation of pro-Dalit decisions of the government.

Chaudhary is one of the prominent Dalit leaders of Bihar and is considered closest to Nitish Kumar.

The opposition RJD says such steps are meant to mislead the Dalit community and would backfire. "Nobody other than Lalu Prasad can serve the community's interest better."

JD-U sources said Jitan Ram Manjhi, the national HAM chief who recently joined the NDA, will also tour across the SC-dominated areas for mobilizing the people towards the ruling NDA alliance.

**IN GOVERNOR'S DURBAR**

Retired Navy officer Madan Sharma meets Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai on Tuesday. Sharma, who was attacked by Shiv Sena workers over a cartoon mocking Maharashtra CM, said he will align with BJP and RSS | PTI

# Onion price plunges, protests in Maharashtra

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ONION prices crashed by almost ₹1,000 per quintal on Tuesday in Asia's largest onion producing belt in Nashik after the Centre banned export of the bulb, leading to protests by farmers all over Maharashtra.

Protests were reported from Mungse, Pimpalgaon, Nampur and Umrane markets while angry farmers tried to disrupt traffic on the Mumbai-Agra Highway and other stretches.

Nanasaheb Patil, former chairman of the Lasalgaon market in Nasik, said onion was being sold at ₹2,400 per quintal as against ₹3,400 per quintal on last Monday.

Farmers at Nampur APMC market during a protest in Nashik on Tuesday | PTI

Earlier in the day, NCP chief Sharad Pawar met Union minister Piyush Goel and urged him to reconsider the decision of imposing the ban on export of onion.

Onion growers and traders were surprised with the government's decision of banning the export of the onion, he said. "There was no outcry by the consumer that the onion is sold at a high price despite the government taking a unilateral decision. Most of the old stocks may perish in the summer. Farmers hardly get fair prices of their produce. The government should withdraw its decision immediately," Patil said.

Yashwant Gosavi, an onion grower, wondered why the government was not helping farmers to get decent prices unlike the way it helps beleaguered businessmen. "There is no compensation even if farmers sell their produce at less prices. During the lockdown, it was the agriculture sector that kept the country growing. And yet, farmers are being punished by imposing this ban."

# SIT to probe tainted SP's role in murder

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) will probe the killing of a Mahoba-based whistleblower last week and submit its report within a week, government sources said on Tuesday.

Before his murder, Indrakant Triapthi had released a video revealing a threat to his life from then district police chief Mani Lal Patidar. Tripathi, a crusher dealer, was shot last week after he alleged corruption against Patidar. Tripathi succumbed in a Kanpur hospital to the neck injury he sustained in the attack.

The Yogi Adityanath government has gone after corrupt IPS officers since it came to power in the state in 2017. Since then, it has suspended 15 IPS officers on various charges, including corruption and non-performance. While seven out of 15 are still under suspension, eight of them have been reinstated. Six of them were suspended this year.

In the Mahoba case, Patidar was suspended last Wednesday following a letter written to the CM by the victim narrating the cases in which the SP was allegedly involved. Patidar has been booked for murder and for alleged bribery and corruption.

EXPRESS READ

**Steady rise in N-E flights, passenger volume**

Guwahati: Despite the Covid pandemic, the numbers of flights and passengers are growing in the Northeast. The AAI said the Guwahati airport had 2,812 passengers on July 10 as compared to 4,060 on August 10 and 5,924 on September 10. On July 10, altogether 86 flights had operated with 5,625 passengers in the Northeast. Similarly, the figure stood at 92 and 7,024 respectively in August. This shot up to 102 flights and 11,213 passengers in September.

POWER PLAY

# *Shivraj snubs Scindia loyalist's nutrition plan*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

MADHYA Pradesh's Women and Child Development Minister Imarti Devi's commitment to provide eggs to children at the Anganwadi centres has failed to find favour with CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

The CM said on Tuesday that from Sept 17, along with other nutritious food, milk will be distributed at all Angawadi centres in the state. Milk, and not eggs, will be served to combat malnourishment, he said.

The CM's statement was an apparent snub to the Jyotiraditya Scindia loyalist Imarti Devi, who while heading the same portfolio in the Kamal Nath government, had proposed it.

Imarti Devi was among 22 MLAs who crossed over to BJP with Jyotiraditya Scindia

Imarti Devi had recently stuck to her proposal, saying she still wanted that eggs to children and pregnant women should be served to combat malnutrition. She said it would not be a compulsory fair, but would be available only for the willing. The others could be offered milk and banana.

Last year after the Congress returned to power after 15 years, Devi's proposal had triggered a political controversy in the state, where a significant population is vegetarian. The BJP had raised a hue and cry over the matter with the then leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargava (who is now PWD minister) saying that if the kids are served eggs since childhood, then they might turn into "cannibals" later.

As per the NFHS-4 data, around 43% of kids aged up to 5 years in MP are underweight, the growth of 42% kids was stunted (low height for age) and 25.8% had low weight to height ratio.

# Ram temple trust gets ₹6 lakh courtesy SBI

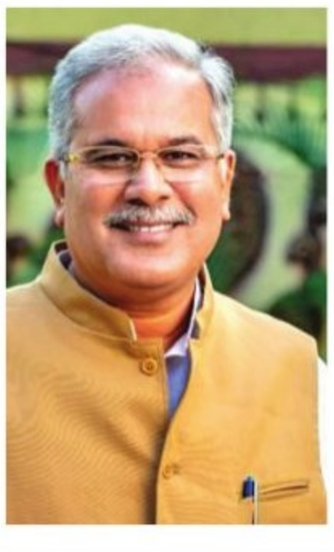
LUCKNOW: The State Bank of India has credited ₹6 lakh to Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust in lieu of the amount that was swindled off from the trust's bank account through two cloned cheques earlier this month.

The trust operates two bank accounts from SBI's main branch at Naya Ghat in Ayodhya.

As per a tweet from trust's official Twitter handle, the amount was duly deposited by the SBI. "Our gratitude to SBI management for their swift action," it tweeted.

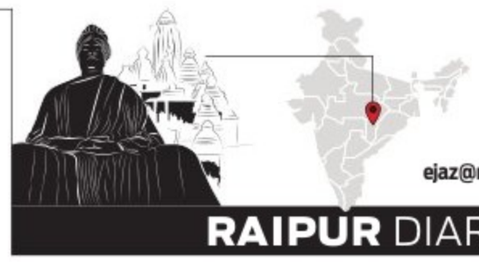
While Trust general secretary Champat Rai also confirmed the return of money, SBI's regional manager Priyanshu Sharma said that the bank returned the money to ensure the faith of bank customers. "Police investigation is going on and, soon, the money fraudulently withdrawn will be recovered."

The money was swindled off in two tranches — ₹2.5 lakh on September 1 and ₹3.5 lakh on September 8 — through cloned cheques and forged signatures. The fraud came to light when Rai received a verification call from the bank regarding another cheque worth ₹9.86 lakh on September 9 apparently issued by the trust. *ENS*



**Radio talks: CM harps on inclusive growth**

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in his monthly radio programme 'Lokvaani' spoke about inclusive development titled 'Samaveshi Vikas, Aapki Aas.' He said inclusive development can effectively resolve socio-economic issues. For this, he said, the farmers should be regarded as the 'axis of the economy'. While invoking the vedic lines 'Sarvey Bhavantu Sukhinah', he talked about Chhattisgarh's rich cultural heritage, and added that all economic and social can be resolved through inclusive development. The CM reiterated that every possible measure is being taken for prevention and treatment of Covid-19 infection.



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**RAIPUR DIARY**

**Highway patrolling gets a boost**

In order to ensure smooth, safe and uninterrupted traffic movement for citizens and to provide immediate relief and assistance to the road accident victims on highways, fifteen patrol vehicles for ten districts were flagged off in Raipur. On the basis of black spots and vulnerable chinks on highways, 15 road blocks were identified each covering a distance of about 25 km. ASI, head constables, constables and drivers will be available on this route in three shifts for round the clock. The highway vehicle is well-equipped with state-of-the-art and technical resources including GPS system, breath analyser, smart phone, reflector jacket, LED baton and lights, wireless set, fire fighting, stretcher facilities among others.

**30K oxygen-fitted Covid beds in state**

Chhattisgarh has decided to ensure over 600 new oxygen-equipped beds for the dedicated Covid hospitals to battle coronavirus. To begin with, around a hundred beds with oxygen facility will be reinstalled in Lalpur Covid hospital, 400 in Ayurvedic college hospital and 60 at ESIC hospital in Raipur. With this the number of beds for Covid patients will increase to 30,270. There are 29 dedicated Covid hospitals and 186 care centres in Chhattisgarh. The infection nowhere seems to be slowing in Chhattisgarh with a total of 67,500 positive cases and 573 fatalities.

**Haj Committee awarded for excellence**

Chhattisgarh state Haj Committee was awarded for its outstanding services and innovative roles for those on Haj pilgrimage and awarded with the national Skoch Award-2020 in the 'Silver Category'. "The award recognised the state Haj Committee for its excellence and pioneering achievements. In the coming years, more efforts would be directed towards ensuring better facilities for the Hajis during their pilgrimage," Sajid Memon, CEO, state Haj Committee said. Owing to the pandemic, no pilgrims from India travelled to Saudi Arabia for Haj. The Skoch awards recognise merits on excellence in fields of governance, infrastructure, finance, technology, economics and inclusive growth.

**Three migrants** died on Monday off Greece when a boat carrying migrants capsized due to heavy winds

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

| City | Max | Min | | City | Max | Min | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beijing | 29 | 18 | SNY | Los Angeles | 25 | 16 | SNY |
| Colombo | 28 | 24 | TDS | Melbourne | 20 | 11 | LC |
| Dhaka | 33 | 25 | LC | Moscow | 21 | 11 | LC |
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| Houston | 36 | 25 | SNY | Singapore | 31 | 25 | TDS |
| Istanbul | 32 | 21 | SNY | Toronto | 27 | 19 | LR |
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# BIDEN PLEDGES US RETURN TO CLIMATE ACCORD

### As focus of Nov poll turns to wildfires, Trump mocks science again, claims global warming will reverse on its own

**WASHINGTON**

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday claimed that global warming will reverse itself and dismissed climate change as a cause of the ferocious fires presently engulfing the west of the United States.

As the focus of the US election campaign switched to the deadly blazes, Democratic challenger Joe Biden slammed the incumbent as a "climate arsonist" and said America would not be safe from the ravages of a warming planet unless it elects "a president who respects science."

Infernos raging across California, Oregon and Washington state have burned more than five million acres (two million hectares) this year, killed several dozen people and forced hundreds of thousands to flee their homes.

Whole towns have been ruined by the blazes, which have pumped out tonnes of noxious fumes that have hung in the air for days, blocking out the sun and making it difficulty to even breathe.

But Trump, in Sacramento on the third day of a re-election campaign swing, pushed back against state officials arguing that a heating climate underlies the ever-stronger fires. "It will start getting cooler. You just watch," Trump said, offering no evidence for the theory.

US President Donald Trump speaks during a briefing on wildfires with local and federal fire and emergency officials at Sacramento, California on Monday | AFP

"I wish science agreed with you," responded Wade Crowfoot, the head of the California Natural Resources Agency. "I don't think science knows, actually," Trump said.

Reputable scientists around the world are almost unanimous in their belief that the world is getting warmer because of human activity.

In contrast to Trump, Biden struck a serious note on Tuesday, saying the US will rejoin the historic Paris Agreement on climate change, if he's elected to power in the November presidential election.

Claiming that the 2015 Paris climate deal puts an "unfair economic burden" on Americans, President Donald Trump's administration notified the United Nations in November last year that the US would withdraw from the agreement.

The notification begins a one-year process of exiting the global climate change accord, culminating the day after the 2020 US election on Nov 3.

"While he (President Donald Trump) turned against our allies, I'll bring us back into the Paris Agreement. I will put us back in the business of leading the world on climate change and I will challenge every other country to up the ante on climate commitments," Biden said in a major policy speech on climate change.

"Where he reverses the Obama-Biden fuel efficiency standards, he picks big oil. He picks in big oil companies over American workers, even when the automobile industry agreed," he said in his address from Delaware.

*Agencies*

# EU court backs net neutrality

**BRUSSELS**

THE EU's top court ruled for the first time on the bloc's net neutrality rules on Tuesday and confirmed that companies could not punish customers with a two-speed internet.

In its offers, Telenor, a major Hungarian internet provider, allowed customers one monthly gigabyte of high-speed internet after which the service slowed down.

But in a special deals, Telenor exempted certain apps from the limit such as Facebook, Twitter and Messenger or music streaming services such as Spotify and Deezer.

The Hungarian regulator considered this to be illegal and banned the offer. Telenor launched a lawsuit and the competent court in Budapest referred the dispute to the European Court of Justice.

The exemption was unfair, the European Court of Justice said in its landmark ruling, which will help set the standard on web offers by internet providers across Europe.

The Luxembourg-based court said that the aim of net neutrality is to ensure free access and free choice for users on the Internet.

European Court of Justice on Tuesday said companies could not punish its customers with two-speed internet in a landmark ruling | AFP

However, with the special deal, Telenor hampered access to non-participating chat or music services.

"Such packages are liable to increase the use of the favoured applications and services and, accordingly, to reduce the use of the other applications and services available," a court statement said.

*AFP*

**EXPRESS READ**

### Brexit bill clears first hurdle

London: UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson's controversial bill that aims to override parts of the Brexit divorce agreement struck with the EU cleared its first parliamentary hurdle by winning the first House of Commons vote by 340 to 263 votes.


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client viz., **Mrs. NANCY KUMARI** has lost/misplaced the original registered Gift Deed dated.31/03/2018, as document No.18977/2017-18, Book – I, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, Bangalore, in respect of **Flat No.310,** on Second Floor, in D- Block, in the Apt known as **"PURVI MITHILA"**, constructed in converted Sy.No.124, situated at **Munekolalu Village**, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, in regarding my client has Filed a missed complaint in Marathahalli Police station on 14/09/2020.

If any persons Found the said original document please kindly inform the undersigned.

**SRI VINAYAKA ASSOCIATES**
Advocates,
No.999/8, Second Floor, 5th Cross, ORR,Horamavu, Bangalore-560 043.
Mob: 9591720993.

**TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD**
**TRICHY CIRCLE**
**EXTENSION NOTICE**
**Ref:Tender Notice No.563 & 069/DB/2020 Dated: 08.09.2020**

Due to administrative reason, the tender for the works mentioned in the above reference scheduled on 25.09.2020 is hereby **extended upto 09.10.2020.**

The other conditions are unaltered.

**Superintending Engineer, Trichy Circle**
DIPR/3432/Tender/2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given on behalf of My client **Smitha.P** W/o Shivakumar.R, aged about 39 years residing at No. 200, 5th A Main, 6th Cross, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru–560104 had lost the original sale deed (mother deed) vide registration bearing **No.BNG(U)-KNGR/4052/1999-2000 dated 02/08/1999** in respect of the schedule property. The complaint has been lodged before the jurisdictional police station regarding the loss of documents.

Any persons coming into the possession of the aforesaid documents or dealing with the said documents would do so at their own risk and responsibility and my clients shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such person/s on account of any such unauthorized dealing. If any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest in respect of the site, may intimate the same in writing with supported documents to the undersigned ***within 10 days*** from this notice. Failing which my client believing that there are no claims, or objections whatsoever, will proceed without the original documents and use the certified copies to enforce the same for all future transactions.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of residential site No.194 in Survey Numbers 1/1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, 2, 3, 4/7, 22P, 23, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, 26/1P, 26/2A and 26/2B situated at Raghuvanahally Village, Uttarahally Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.

Measuring **East to West 60 Feet** (18.29 Meters) and **North to South 40 Feet** (12.19 Meters) having total area of **2400 square Feet** or **222.95 Square Meters.**

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**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE**

1. The Tender due dates are extended as follows:

| Sl. No. | Equipment and Quantity with Nos. in Bracket | Tender No. | Sale Period | Submission of Bids | Opening of Bids |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Upper GI Endoscope Entire Set (13), Video Duodenoscope with ERCP Accessories Entire Set (10), Video Colonoscope Entire Set (12), Endoscopic Table (20), Endoscopic Washer Disinfector (13), Video Bronchoscope (Flexible) (2) & Ultraslim Video Gastroscope (6) | PKG4/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/END/TNMSC/ENGG/2020 dt.04.02.2020 | Upto 29.09.2020 | 30.09.2020, 11.00 AM | 30.09.2020, 12.00 PM |

For details visit www.tenders.tn.gov.in and TNMSC website www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in.
DIPR/3440/Tender/2020 General Manager (Equipment)

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Regd. Office : 9th Floor, Antriksh Bhawan, 22, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001
Phones : 011-23357171, 23357172, 23705414, Website : www.pnbhousing.com

BRANCH ADDRESS :- Property bearing No. 05, Mathushree Arcade, 100 Ft Ring Road, 1st Phase, 2nd Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore 560076, E-Mail: bangalore@pnbhousing.com, website:- www.pnbhousing.com

**POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES)**

**Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the PNB Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & in compliance of Rule 8(1) of Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002,** issued demand notice/s on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of the said notice/s. The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account.

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of PNB Housing Finance Ltd., for the amount and interest thereon as per loan agreement. **The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

| S. No. | Loan Account No. | Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower /Guarantor | Date of Demand Notice | Amount Outstanding | Date of Possession Taken | Description of the Property Mortgaged |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | NHL/BAN/0317/367923 and NHL/BAN/0317/371413 and NHL/MNLR/0418/514952 | M/s. Carreg Commodities Pvt Ltd & Mr. Krishnan Sivaprasad, Mrs. Jacinthaprasad Panicker & Mr. Sanjed Aloysius Pais | 20/11/2019 and 23/11/2019 | Rs. 11,39,80,930/- (Rupees Eleven Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Eighty Thousand Nine hundred and Thirty only) as on 31.07.2020 | 11/09/2020 (Symbolic Possession of Property 1) and 14/09/2020 (Symbolic Possession of Property 2) | **PROPERTY 1-** All that part and parcel of Non-agricultural immovable house site, situate in Maroli Village within the Mangalore City Corporation, Mangalore Taluk, Sy no 72/1A, twenty two cents of land containing a residential building bearing Door No. 3-30, with one well, with easement rights, and **Bounded on North by:** 20 feet wide common road in the same Sy.No, **South by:** Portion of the same Sy.No, **West by:** Portion of the same Sy.No, **and East by:** Survey line and National Highway. **PROPERTY 2 -** Schedule A- All that part and parcel of property RS No 66-2, situated in No 93, together with buildings bearing Door Nos. 16-62/1,16-62/2 and 16-62/3 within the Ullal Village of Mangalore Taluk, falling within the Ullal Town Panchyat, in the sub registrar office of Mangalore Taluk, DK **District, Bounded on North by:** Sy line and S.No.66-6C2, **South by:** Portion of the same Sy. No, **East by:** Sy line and road, **West by:** Sy line. **Schedule B-** All that part and parcel of property RS No 66-2, together with buildings bearing Door No. 16-62 within the Ullal Village of Mangalore Taluk, falling within the Ullal Town Panchyat, in the sub registrar office of Mangalore Taluk, DK **District, Bounded on North by:** Remaining portion of Same S No., **South by:** Remaining portion of Same S No, **East by:** Sy line and road, **West by:** Sy line and S.No. 69/3 **Schedule C-** All that part and parcel of property RS No 66-2, situated in No 93, Ullal Village of Mangalore Taluk, falling within the Ullal Town Panchyat, in the sub registrar office of **Mangalore Taluk, DK District, Bounded on North by:** Remaining portion of same S. No., **South by:** Remaining portion of same S. No, **East by:** Sy line and road, **West by:** Sy line **Schedule D-** All that part and parcel of property RS No 66-2, situated in No 93, Ullal Village of Mangalore Taluk, falling within the Ullal Town Panchyat, in the sub registrar office of **Mangalore Taluk, DK District, Bounded on North by:** Remaining portion of same S. No., **South by:** Sy line and S.No. 66-2, **East by:** Sy line and road, **West by:** Sy line |

PLACE : BANGALORE, DATE : 15-09-2020 AUTHORIZED OFFICER, PNB HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

**THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD**
No. 6, 2nd Floor, Divisional Office, Vasavi Temple Road, Sajjanrao Circle, V. V. Puram, Bangalore – 560 004

**CORRIGENDUM**

All are hereby informed that the **AUCTION CUM TENDER NOTICE** published in news paper **"The New Indian Express"** dated **11.09.2020** in the account of **M/s. RIDDHI SIDDHI LIFECARE PVT LTD**; the Reserved Price should be read as **Rs. 2,61,00,000.00** (Rupees Two Crore and Sixty One Lakhs only) instead of **Rs. 2,61,00,00.00.** All the other Details / Terms and Conditions remain unchanged.

Date : 15.09.2020 Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 BENGALURU**
No. 4, 2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560025

**TRC No. 361/2019**

**IDBI Bank Limited, Kuvempunagar Branch, Anand Arcade, MIG 11 18th Main, V.M. Double Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru-570009.**
......Certificate Holder
Versus
**Sri G.D Jayaramu & Others**
....Certified Debtor/Defedants

**DEMAND NOTICE**

1. **Sri G,D Jayaramu S/o Sri Doddegowda**, Residing at H.No. 91C Gowdhalli Village-571438 Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District.
2. **Smt Parvathamma H.M W/o Sri G.D Jayaramu**, Residing at H.No. 91C Gowdhalli Village-571438 Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District.
3. **Smt G.J Chitra D/o Sri G.D Jayaramu,** Residing at H.No. 91C Gowdhalli Village-571438 Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District.
4. **Smt G.J Nethra D/o Sri G.D Jayaramu,** Residing at H.No. 91C Gowdhalli Village-571438 Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District.
5. **Sri Arun K.R S/o Sri K.H Ramamurthy**, No. 1, Krishnanagar-571434 Pandavapura Taluk, Mandya District.
6. **Sri Akash A.S Mayur S/o Late Sri Chandru**, Residing at No. 2, 1st Cross, 2nd Main 3rd Stage, Basaveswaranagar, Bengaluru-560079.
...... Certified Debtor/Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA/1074/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on **23.02.2019** an Amount of **Rs. 25,57,346/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing of OA's till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the Recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **21st day of August 2019.**

**Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-1 DRT - 2, Bangalore**

**Note :** Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
Rule **16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."
3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of Last 5 Year.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

Original Sale Deed registered as No.2647/65-66, Book-1, Volume-566, Pages 231 to 234 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore City South, pertaining to property bearing No.252/21, 4th Cross, I Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru is lost. A police complaint dated: 11-05-2015 has been lodged with the Siddapura Police Station. Any person/s were to find the same may hand it over to the undersigned and get suitable rewarded.

**B.G. SRIRAM**, Advocate & Notary,
No 65, 13th Main, 4th Block East,
Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011.
Ph : 080-26536651

**DOCUMENT LOST**

I, Anand R. S/o Ramanna, R/o No.30, 5th Cross, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 18 have lost my **Original Sale Deed (1-23338/06-07)** while travelling in my bike on 3-9-2020 on Siddaiah Puranik Road, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore. If anybody finds the document please contact above mentioned address or call : **8884228138.**

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No: KASE/969/2020/Exe4 Dated: 10.09.2020

**CORRIGENDUM-TIME EXTENSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The due date for submission of the Expression of Interest for iSTEP was 11.09.2020, 5.00 pm. The due date has been extended to 07.10.2020, 5.00pm. For further details please visit www.kase.in.

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Managing Director
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**SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement only from the Registered Agencies, for providing Seven (07) vehicles to this Department, hired on annual rate contract basis.
**(1) EMD Amount** : 37,000/- **(2) Tender Publishing Date :** 24.08.2020 (Upto 4.00 pm) **(3) Last Date & Time for submission of Bid :** 10.09.2020 at 4:00 pm **(4) Date & Time for opening of Technical & Commercial Bid** : 11.09.2020 at 4:00 pm

**Sd/-**
**For Principal Director,**
**Karnataka State Audit & Accounts Department**
**Bangalore.**
DIPR/Alaknanda/1127/2020-21

**ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ,**
**ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ,**
ಸಂಪಿಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ 18ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560012
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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪಪೂಶಿಇ/ಆ.ವಿ(ಬಿ)/ಹೊ.ಗು ಕಾ.ಟೆಂ–01/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 11.09.2020

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER**

ಕಛೇರಿ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಚಕ್ರದ ನಾನ್ ಎಸಿ (ಕಾರ್) ವಾಹನವನ್ನು ಹೊರ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

**(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ** : ಪಪೂಶಿಇ/ಆ.ವಿ(ಬಿ)/ಹೊ.ಗು ಕಾ.ಟೆಂ–01/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 11.09.2020 **(2) ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ** : 18,00,000.00 (ಹದಿನೆಂಟು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು) **(3) ವಾಹನ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಸ್ಥಳ** : ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, 18ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. **(4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಡೌನ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ** : 14.09.2020 ರಿಂದ 29.09.2020 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 3:00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ. **(5) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ** : 29.09.2020 upto 5.00 PM Through E-Portal **(6) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ** : ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, 18ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. ದಿನಾಂಕ : 01.10.2020 3.00 PM **(7) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ** : ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, 18ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. ದಿನಾಂಕ : 03.10.2020 3.00 PM **(8) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ** : ರೂ. 45,000.00 (ನಲವತ್ತೈದು ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು). **(9) ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ** : ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, 18ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. 080–23361856/858

ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ರಜೆ ಘೋಷಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯದ ದಿನದಂದು ಸದರಿ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕಕ್ಕೆ ಮುನ್ನ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡುವ/ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ರೀತಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಅದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ E-Portal ನ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಜೆರಾಕ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರತಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಪತ್ರಾಂಕಿತ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ / ನೋಟರಿಯವರ ಮುದ್ರೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಬೇಕು. ಅವಶ್ಯವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಬೇಕು. ಇವುಗಳ ಸತ್ಯಾಸತ್ಯತೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ದೃಢೀಕರಣದ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ನಿಭಂದನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಅಪ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಅನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣವನ್ನು ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ವಾಪಾಸಂಇ/ಅಲಕನಂದ/1128/2020–21


# CLASSIFIEDS


**PUBLIC NOTICE**
CHANGE OF NAME

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, N BHARATH KUMAR R/O No.14/1, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Near Bus Stop, Hosapalya, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068 have changed my name to ARUN PRAJWAL RAO vide affidavit dated 03/09/2020 sworn before notary M.K. Devaki, Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, DAPHNE JEAN,** Residing at No. 1/1, Saurabh, 2nd Cross, Shabari Nagar, Jalahalli West, Bangalore - 560 015, have changed my minor son's name from **WILLIAM MIDDLECOAT CUXTON** to **WILLIAM EDMUND PAUL** vide affidavit dated 14.09.2020 sworn before Notary G. S Raju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SAHANA GIRIDHARA NAIK**, W/o, S.Giridhara Naik, aged 27 yrs, R/a, House No.193, Block-17, HUDCO K.S.R.P. Police Quarters, Koramangala, 1st Block, Bangalore-560034, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **KOUSARABANU TATAGAR** (Old Name) to **SAHANA GIRIDHARA NAIK** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated:15-09-2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary, B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(Old Name) JIGNA V RAJA** D/o **Vinod Rai Raja,** Aged about 37 years, Residing at No. 902, II Block, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bangalore-560070. Shall Hence forth be known as **(New Name) JIGNA VINOD RAI RAJA** vide affidavit dated: 14/09/2020 before Notary Jayalingayya Mudenoormath, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, BITHIKA SAMANTA,** wife of Army No. 6396912X, ACP NB SUB, PALTU SAMANTA, R/at Dandara, Chandkuri, Sabang, Kharagpur, Paschim Madinipur - 721467, West Bengal, shall be henceforth known as **BITHIKA MAITY SAMANTA** vide affidavit dated 15.09.2020, before Notary N.K Lakshmana, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **AMEER JAN** (Given Name) and **MOHOMMED RAFEEQ** (Surname) holding passport number L 9321895 issued at RIYADH on 12/06/2014 hereby announced to change my name as **MOHOMMED RAFEEQ** (Given Name) **AMEER JAN** (Surname) for all future purposes. Vide affidavit dated 15-09-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary S.I. Balaguru, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, GEETHA KUMARI K.S.** D/o Basava Mogaveera, R/at Kamala Nivas, Melkambala gadde Mane, Haluvalli Village & Post, Udupi Taluk & District-576215 have changed my name to **HITHA B TOLAR**, vide affidavit dated 14.09.2020, before Notary **L. GOPALA KRISHNA**, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, SUSHMA ALSO KNOWN AS PRERNA VENKATESH** W/o Venkatesh Chhabria, Residing at C-901/904, Skyline, R.K Atlantis, Benniganahalli, Old Madras Road, Bengaluru - 560 016 hereby changed my name to **SUSHMA CHHABRIA** vide affidavit dated 31.08.2020 before Notary T.C Thimmaraja, Bengaluru

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **COLLIN ECCLESTON**, S/o. **Clarence eccleston,** R/at. Flat No. C-716, Cumins Estate Genesis, 505/1, 505/2, Kalkere Main Road, K.R.Puram, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560043. Have changed my name from **COLLIN JUDE ECCLESTON** to **COLLIN ECCLESTON**, vide affidavit dated 10.09.2020 sworn before notary Mohammed Hussain.K Bangalore-560060.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, BHADRI VISHAL** S/o L. Badri, R/at #94, Srikara, Ground Floor, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, 6th Block, 3rd Phase, Banashankari III Stage, Bengaluru-560085, Karnataka State, have changed my name to **VISHAL BHADRI,** vide affidavit dated 15.09.2020, before Notary **GANGARAJU B.N.,** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **CHANDRA KRISHNA,** aged 43 years, W/o. **Krishna Kengeri Yallappa,** residing at NO.52, 1st Main Road, 7th Cross, Harsha Layout, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060, have changed my name to **CHANDRA RAMANNA** vide affidavit dated :12-09-2020 sworn before Notary **GOPI N.** BENGALURU.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **AMEENA BIBI,** W/o. Shaik Gulam Murtaza, R/at. No.443, 1st Stage, 5th Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560043. Have changed my name from **AMINA BE BE** to **AMEENA BIBI** vide affidavit dated 12.09.2020 sworn before notary H.S.Sakaleshardhya, Bengaluru

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, SERVICE NO. JC 309483H** SUB/ MAJ A. AROCKIADASS UNIT DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, Bangalore - 560 042 have changed my son name from **CLINTO** to **CLINTO. A** and daughter name from **GLADISS. A** to **GLADIS. A** vide affidavit dated 14.09.2020 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **RAGHUNANDAN PARTHA** S/o **H.K. Partha,** R/at No.1148, 18th main, 20th Cross, 1st Stage, 5th Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru -560043 Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From **ISHANVI** To **ISHANVI RAGHUNANDAN** vide affidavit dated:14/09/2020 Before Notary **Shaik Mahaboob**, Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, VENKATALAXMI SPOUSE OF NO 15327604N L/NK TIRUPATHAIAH ILLURI,** Residing at Govinda Palli (Vill), Akkapalli (Post), Giddalur (Teh), Prakasam (Dist), Andhra Pradesh (State), Pin: 523356, have changed my name from **VENKATALAXMI** to **ILLURI VENKATA LAKSHMI** vide affidavit dated 11.09.2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju B.N., Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **K. N. CHITHRA,** W/o K. N. Murali, Aged about 25 years, residing at No.172, 72nd Cross, 1st Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, J P Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560 078, have changed my name from **K. N. RADHA** to **"K. N. CHITHRA"**. vide affidavit dated 15.09.2020 sworn to before Notary **V. Mruthyunjaya,** at Bangalore.

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**Market Watch**

| MARKET | | | GOLD | | | SILVER | | | FOREX | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 287.72 | Sensex | 39,044.35 | ₹55 | 24 carat (1 gm) | ₹5,145 | ₹1,200 | Per kg | ₹69,500 | Dollar | | 73.64 |
| 81.75 | Nifty | 11,521.80 | ₹55 | 22 carat (1 gm) | `5,045 | ₹1.2 | Per gm | ₹69.5 | Euro | | 87.52 |

# August exports dip 12.6%, trade deficit narrows

The country's imports, too, declined 26 per cent to $29.47 billion, showed official data

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @New Delhi

CONTRACTING for the sixth straight month, India's exports slipped 12.66 per cent to $22.7 billion in August, on account of decline in the shipments of petroleum, engineering goods and gems and jewellery items.

According to the government data released on Tuesday, imports, too, declined 26 per cent to $29.47 billion in August, leaving a trade deficit of $6.77 billion, as against a shortfall of $13.86 billion in the same month last year.

The silver lining, however, was 14 out of the 30 major product groups were in the positive territory during August, indicating signs of revival with few showing an impressive double-digit growth. Pharma exports continued to grow on account of the Covid-19 pandemic, and saw substantial growth of 17.3 per cent, slightly lower than July's 19.5 per cent.

Meanwhile, petroleum products registered a 40 per cent decline and export of engineering goods fell 8 per cent to $19.7 billion, which accounts for nearly 25 per cent of the foreign exchange earned through exports. On the other hand, gold imports rose to $3.7 billion as against $1.36 billion last year.

According to Sharad Kumar Saraf, president of Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), "The export performance is improving and with due support from all the stakeholders, exports could be back on track by end of this year". He added exporters have started receiving a lot of enquiries and orders from across the globe helping many sectors to show improved performance, which is only likely to get better in next few months.

Gradual re-opening of business activities across major economies like the US, EU, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand also helped in bringing back the tempo to the sector, Saraf added. Going forward, the focus should also be on important FTAs and multilateral agreements to further give boost to exports and withstand the competition coming from smaller countries like Vietnam, Bangladesh and Malaysia, he added. During the April-August period, exports declined by 26.65 per cent to $97.66 billion, while imports fell 43.73 per cent to $118.38 billion.

**$6.77 billion**
Trade deficit in August narrowed, when compared to a shortfall of $13.86 billion in the same month last year, as per the data

**$20.72 billion**
Trade deficit during the April-August period. Exports fell by 26.65 per cent, while imports declined 43.73 per cent

# SpiceJet slips into red, posts ₹593 cr loss in June quarter

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @New Delhi

PRIVATE carrier SpiceJet on Tuesday reported a net loss of ₹593.4 crore in the first quarter of the current financial year (FY21), as against a profit of ₹261.7 crore a year ago as flight operations remained suspended for most part of the quarter following the Covid-led nationwide lockdown.

Operating revenue for the airline during the quarter stood at ₹514.7 crore as against ₹3,002.1 crore during the same quarter of the previous year.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet, said, "This is the worst-ever crisis to hit the aviation sector but I am pleased that SpiceJet continues to innovate and outperform the industry. Flight operations were suspended for most part of the quarter and the partial resumption of flights initially and the weak demand thereafter was a reminder of the significant problems that this pandemic has resulted in."

Meanwhile, SR Batliboi and Associates LLP, the auditors of SpiceJet Limited, have once again raised doubts about the company's ability to continue as a going concern, despite company posting 144 per cent rise in revenue from cargo operations and massive cut in expenses during the quarter.

The airline had a negative net worth of ₹2,170 crore, as on June 30, 2020. This was a starp rise from 2019, when SpiceJet had a negative net worth of ₹350 crore. The airline said it continues to incur various costs for its 13 grounded Boeing 737Max. It hopes for the planes to be inducted back to its fleet by the March quarter of the current fiscal.

**₹514.7cr**
Operating revenue during the first quarter

"I expect our cargo business to continue to expand in the coming quarters. I am also encouraged by the progress made in the re-entry of Boeing's Max aircraft into service," Singh said.

Besides, no adjustments have been made so far on the recent Delhi High Court's order that had asked SpiceJet to deposit ₹242.9 crore within six weeks to Kalanithi Maran of Sun Group, and his KAL Airways ("Erstwhile Promoters").

"...The management is of the view that it is not possible to determine the effects of any such obligations and rights (including any additional/consequential obligations and rights)," it said.

# Flipkart to hire 70,000 ahead of festive season

**BISMAH MALIK** @Bengaluru

HOMEGROWN e-commerce major, Flipkart said on Tuesday that it will create about 70,000 direct jobs and hire lakhs of indirect seasonal roles ahead of the Big Billion Days festival season sales.

The direct new employment opportunity has been created in Flipkart's supply chain ecosystem including delivery executives, pickers, packers and sorters whereas the contractual hires will will be for seller partner locations and kiranas.

"We are focused on creating impactful partnerships that offer great consumer experience while creating additional opportunities for progress of the entire ecosystem as it scales for the Big Billion Days (BBD). As a front runner in e-commerce, our training and investment in the workforce is widely recognised, and contributes to skill development and enhances employability. By generating employment and enabling our sellers to scale their businesses during this time, we're doing our part to drive growth in the industry and the economy," said Amitesh Jha, senior vice-president, Ekart and Marketplace, Flipkart. Previously, the e-tailer had onboarded 50,000 kirana stores across 850 cities in the country to cater to the increased demand and ensure faster deliveries.

**By generating employment and enabling our sellers to scale their businesses during this time, we're doing our part to drive growth**
Amitesh Jha, senior VP, Ekart and Marketplace

Flipkart also said it is targetting job creation in ancillary industries including vendor locations, and freight partners, as the entire ecosystem scales up for the festive season. The expansion and strengthening of the supply chain will help create a robust system enabling millions of new e-commerce users to shop online seamlessly, it added.

With the entry of Mukesh Ambani's JioMart, e-tailers including the likes of Amazon and Flipkart have been strengthening their last mile delivery capabilities as well as their grocery verticals.

# Panel suggests abolishing LTCG tax on start-up investment

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @Bengaluru

THE Standing Committee on Finance headed by ex-minister of state Jayant Sinha has recommended to the Centre that the tax on long term capital gains (LTCG) should be abolished for all investments in start-ups, which are made through collective investment vehicles (CIVs) such as angel funds, alternate investment funds (AIF), and investment LLPs. The report suggested that tax concessions be given to the start-ups which are designated by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) for minimum two years to push investments in the start-up ecosystem. The start-ups are, currently, challenged with liquidity concerns caused by the pandemic and the drying up of funds from Chinese investors.

The report titled — Financing the start-up Ecosystem — states that after the two year period, the Securities Transaction Tax (STT) may be applied to CIV so that revenue neutrality is maintained. It added that the STTs associated with the CIVs can be easily calculated and that the taxation system will be made fairer, less cumbersome and transparent.

The committee added that the current taxation system is advantageous to foreign investors compared to domestic since there are lesser jurisdictions and low taxes for fund management services in the former case. Besides, the house panel also recommended that the chief financial institutions in the country should also be made to divert a portion of their investible surplus into domestic funds for meeting capital requirements of the start-ups. The role of the Small Industries Development Bank of India's (SIDBI) Fund of Funds has also been emphasised in the report, calling for its expansion and disbursal of more funds to start-ups in order to be self-reliant.

Earlier, the DPIIT had said that it is working on two start-up centric schemes — credit guarantee and seed fund — to enable easy lending to start-ups in the early ideation phase.

**DPIIT WORKING ON TWO SCHEMES**

To support start-ups, the government is working on credit guarantee scheme which would facilitate easy lending to these companies

Besides, the contours of a seed fund scheme is also being worked upon. This will help start-ups, especially in the ideation to the proof of concept phase, to raise funds

**EXPRESS READ**

### SBI plans 24x7 OTP-based ATM withdrawal

New Delhi: State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to extend OTP-based cash withdrawal of ₹10,000 and above throughout the day across all its ATMs starting September 18. SBI debit cardholders now have to enter OTP sent on their registered mobile numbers along with their debit card PIN each time, the bank said. "With the introduction of a 24x7 OTP-based cash withdrawal facility, SBI has further strengthened the security level in ATM cash withdrawals," the lender said. This facility would also prevent SBI debit cardholders from the risk of falling prey to fraudsters.

### Consumer confidence up marginally in Sept

New Delhi: The consumer confidence index has shown a marginal uptick of 1.1 percentage points in September 2020, according to a monthly survey The Refinitiv-Ipsos Primary Consumer Sentiment Index (PCSI) for India has shown upturn across all its four sub-indices. The PCSI Employment Confidence sub-index moved up by 1.4 percentage points, while the economic expectations index rose 1.7 percentage points. The investment climate sub-index recovered by 1.4 percentage.

### Amazon India opens new fulfilment centres

New Delhi: Amazon India expanded its fulfilment infrastructure in Telangana with two new fulfilment centres (FC) in Hyderabad. The expansion will help sellers offer a wider selection and enable faster deliveries of customer orders within the region and neighbouring states ahead of the festive season, Amazon India said in a release on Tuesday. With this, Amazon.in now offers storage capacity of more than 4.5 million cubic feet spread across four fulfilment centres.

# Toyota plans to invest over ₹2,000 cr in India

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @New Delhi

JAPANESE carmaker Toyota Kirloskar on Tuesday said that they continue to remain committed to the Indian market and their operations in the country is an integral part of their global strategy. Denying reports of non-expansion in the country due to higher taxes, the company said it plans to invest ₹2,000 crore in developing vehicle technology and electric components.

"The news that Toyota Company will stop investing in India is incorrect. @vikramkirloskar has clarified that Toyota will invest more than ₹2,000 crore in next 12 months," Union minister Prakash Javadekar tweeted.

Responding to the tweet, Vikram Kirloskar, vice-chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor( TKM) said, "Absolutely! We are investing ₹2,000+ cr in electric components and technology for the domestic customer and export. We are committed to the future of India and will continue to put all effort in society, environment, skilling and technology."

The report was not taken lightly by the Indian government as it undermines its effort to attract investment in the country, especially from manufacturers who are looking to exit China.

The Centre is planning to shell out incentives worth $23 billion to attract manufacturers to set-up plans in India.

For the Covid-hit auto sector, the government has already promised looking at high GST rates and rolling out incentive-based scrappage policy by September end.

Earlier in the day, TKM in a statement said that its first step is to ensure full capacity utilization of what it has created and this will take time. It added that in wake of the slowdown, further exaggerated by the Covid-19 impact, the automobie industry has requested the government for support through a viable tax structure. TKM's market share in the last one year has fallen from five per cent to below five per cent share in the domestic passenger vehicle market. The sector is dominated largely by Maruti Suzuki and Hyundai Motors.

**We are investing ₹2,000+ crore in electric components and technology for the domestic customer and exports. We are committed to the future of India...**
Vikram Kirloskar

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**LUPIN**

We expect RoE to improve to 12.7% by FY22E from 7% in FY20. We remain positive on LPC as it is at an inflection point for growth in the developed markets, led by niche launches. It remains on track to outperform in DF market.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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# Realty demand likely to plunge 50-70% in FY21

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @New Delhi

THE already languishing residential real estate demand is expected to plunge 50-70 per cent year-on-year in the financial year 2020-21, according to Crisil. According to the domestic rating agency, the sector will see survival of the fittest as small and mid-sized developers are staring at a huge funding gap. As a result, the credit profiles of the small developers will be impacted than larger developers with healthy balance sheets.

"Lowering capital values and attractive interest rates augurs well for affordability which has improved by 10-30 per cent across cities during the past five years. Despite improved affordability, demand translation will be feeble led by income uncertainty arising from pandemic coupled with weak investor sentiment emanating from pressure on capital appreciation / rental yields in the sector over past few years," said Isha Chaudhary, Director, Crisil Research.

Small-to-mid-sized players could face a sharp 200 per cent rise in funding gap this fiscal. Many may also look for tie-ups with bigger firms.

# ADB projects India's economy to contract 9% in FY21

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** @New Delhi

ASIAN Development Bank (ADB) is the latest to lower growth forecast for India. It expects the economy to contract by 9 per cent this fiscal as against 4 per cent forecast in June. The downgrade comes on account of lockdown which derailed the economy in the first quarter, with India's GDP contracting by 23.9 per cent, one of the worst among the developing nations.

"India imposed strict lockdown measures to contain the spread of the pandemic and this has had a severe impact on economic activity," said ADB chief economist Yasuyuki Sawada. And while government initiatives and spending may aid rural incomes, ADB warned that private consumption may continue to suffer and investment is also expected to contract as investors remain deterred by heightened risks and uncertainties.

ADB also cautioned that high non-performing loans caused by the pandemic could further weaken the financial sector and its ability to support the economic growth, while increasing public and private debt levels could affect technology and infrastructure investments. ADB's revision follows lowering of their forecasts for moribund economy by peers including S&P Ratings, Moody's, Care Ratings and Nomura.

**BOOM OR BUST**

# *Cracker industry pins hopes on Diwali to bring back spark to the business*

**BINITA JAISWAL** @Chennai

THE upcoming Diwali festival is the only ray of hope for the struggling cracker manufacturing units to be back in business. With godowns full with unsold crackers, paucity of buyers and production down by 50 per cent, cracker makers in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, are worried about their future.

Over 1,000 manufacturing units located in Sivakasi, which accounts for over 95 per cent of the cracker production in the country and employs over three lakh workers, have been hit hard as the peak wedding season was completely washed out due to Covid-19 and subsequent lockdown.

Uncertainty prevails even over Diwali celebration now. But, manufacturers are hopeful that soon the different state governments will call for applications for temporary licence from shopkeepers wanting to sell firecrackers, which will boost their business.

"Many small units are staring at closure while big manufacturers are operating at only 50 per cent capacity as there is no demand. We have requested the Centre to announce that Diwali celebrations will happen this year. We are hopeful that the state governments will take note of our plea and call for applications for temporary license for selling fire crackers," said P Ganesan, president of Tamil Nadu Fireworks and Amorces Manufacturers Association (TANFAMA).

The demand from retailers will prompt wholesalers to purchase crackers from the units. Ganesan added that the units are also struggling to pay their workers as factories were fully closed during lockdown.

The Sivakasi cracker industry does business worth ₹3,000 crore annually. "Usually, we start getting advance orders at least four months before Diwali but this year there are no buyers. Major orders come from North India and we are eagerly waiting for the orders as it will help us to clear the huge stocks of finished goods piled up in the store houses. Our factories are also loaded with raw materials," said Rajendra Raja, vice-president, Indian Fireworks Manufacturers' Association.

## Messi richest footballer in 2020

Lionel Messi may have had to stay put at Barcelona but the Argentine did succeed in joining one new club this year — the one reserved for sporting billionaires, according to Forbes magazine. Messi's career earnings of over one billion dollars places him in mega-wealthy sports figures containing just Tiger Woods, Floyd Mayweather and Cristiano Ronaldo.



# NO TUC, BUT PLAYERS SET FOR DENMARK

### BWF postpones event after five countries pull out; Indians ready for Odense trip

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

THE Thomas and Uber Cup Finals has been postponed to 2021, but the Denmark Open, due to commence from October 13-18 in Odense, is set to go ahead as per schedule. The TUC cancellation has not affected the scheduled participation of elite shuttlers including PV Sindhu, Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth as of now. It is understood some of the shuttlers, especially those who are not in the team, have already got in touch with the Badminton Association of India for help.

With five countries, including Indonesia, pulling out of Thomas and Uber Cup, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) was compelled to postpone the event until 2021, with world body making it official on Tuesday.

"The Badminton World Federation (BWF), in full consultation and agreement with local host Badminton Denmark, has made the tough decision to postpone the Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020 in Aarhus, Denmark," the BWF wrote in its official website.

This development comes as a big blow for players like Subhankar Dey, who was looking forward to the prestigious event for the first time in his career. "Everyone in the camp was looking forward to the event. It's a big blow," Subhankar told this daily from Bengaluru. "Having not played for last six months or so, I was keen on getting back on the court. This is demoralising," he added. However, the BWF said that the Denmark Open will go ahead as per schedule.

"The event (Denmark Open) will be used as an opportunity to implement relevant Covid-19 Safety Protocols and Operating Procedures for the planned restart of international badminton tournaments," the BWF said.

Subhankar Dey

Subhankar is among those shuttlers who wants to take part in Denmark Open, but he'll have to bear his own cost as he's not part of the team picked by BAI. Subhankar said he is now seeking the help of the federation to complete visa formalities. Likewise, 2014 Commonwealth gold medallist Parupalli Kashyap will also have to fend for himself in regards to finances. "We will ensure that they get the necessary help to get the visa and take care of other formalities," said a BAI official. It is understood that BAI has also asked the players who are not in the team to give a letter of consent on participation.

Meanwhile, the Denmark Masters (World Tour Super 750) that was supposed to be held after the Denmark Open has been called off.

## DESERT MENU

Delhi Capitals' Shikhar Dhawan lifts weight at a gym in Dubai | TWITTER

Royal Challengers Bangalore's Virat Kohli during a practice match | TWITTER

Mumbai Indians' Ishan Kishan bats at the nets in Abu Dhabi | TWITTER

Sunrisers Hyderabad's Rashid Khan who arrived from Caribbean has his breakfast during the quarantine period in Dubai | TWITTER

### RUTURAJ STILL RECOVERING

Chenai Super Kings will not have the services of Ruturaj Gaikwad who continues to be monitored after testing positive for Covid-19. The opener will take two more tests before being allowed to enter the bio-secure bubble. Once he clears the two tests, Ruturaj will be subjected to cardio tests where the BCCI medical team will conduct a thorough test before he is allowed to start training. It is understood that the batsman will be available only from October as Chennai are preparing for their opener against Mumbai Indians.

# No clarity on women's camp ahead of proposed T20 challenge in UAE

SRINIDHI PR @ Chennai

THE rising number of coronavirus cases in the country casts a shadow over the proposed national camp for the women's cricket team next month. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI's) president Sourav Ganguly had said last month that the board has plans to hold a short camp for women before they head to UAE for T20 Challenge that is scheduled for November.

It is understood that the players and the support staff have not been informed of a camp nor have they heard details of the three-team Challenge from BCCI. There are concerns that having a camp might not be ideal nor it will be plain sailing to assemble players from various parts of the country in one place, due to record surge in positive Covid-19 cases.

"There has not been any communication from BCCI with regards to proposed camp; when and where it would take place. We, national players, have online meetings. But so far, nothing related to the camp or the T20 Challenge has been discussed," a BCCI-contracted player told this newspaper on the condition of anonymity.

By announcing the four T20 exhibition matches, the board might have answered the criticism of ignoring women's cricket. However, it can be noted that BCCI does not have a women's selection committee to pick players for the Challenge. The BCCI's plans to host West Indies and South Africa women also look uncertain due to the Covid-19 situation.

The tenure of the previous women's selection committee, led by Hemlata Kala (chairperson), Shashi Gupta, Anjali Pendharkar, Lopamudra Banerjee and Sudha Shah, officially ended on January 22, 2020. Earlier this year, the board had invited applications to fill up the panel. It is learnt that BCCI received nearly 20 applications, however, there has not been any progress made since January. As per BCCI's new constitution, the men's selection panel needs to be appointed by a three-member Cricket Advisory Committee. There is no such provision for women. This newspaper understands BCCI has not discussed about the new women's selection committee in the Apex Council meetings so far.

## IPL 13 : 3 DAYS TO GO

**PAST**

Delhi, started the IPL on strong note, but since then have only two play-off finish. A flawed auction strategy contributed to their downfall, especially if one takes into account the fact that they released AB de Villiers, David Warner, Gautam Gambhir among others.

**PRESENT**

Since renaming as Delhi Capitals under a new management, DC have been up and running. They are the home to some best young Indian talent and have one of the most balanced squad and strong coaching staff led by Ricky Ponting.

**TEAM TALK**

Their biggest strength is the presence of Shikhar Dhawan, Prithvi Shaw, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ishant Sharma. No team can boast of so many current national players and that alone makes Delhi one of the title contenders. That Ajinkya Rahane may not even start speaks volumes about the options they have in hand. Throw in Amit Mishra, Axar Patel, Mohit Sharma and Avesh Khan, they have good back-ups too. So after stocking up Indian players, they have used the auctions to bring in foreigners, who will strengthen them further and leave no holes. In Shimron Hetmyer, Alex Carey, Kagiso Rabada, Sandeep Lamichhane, Marcus Stoinis and Keemo Paul, they have reliable overseas imports.

**WHAT TO EXPECT?**

An exciting side that will be hard to stop, which makes them title contenders.

**STAR WATCH**

In a team of match winners, it is difficult to pick one. However, Rishabh Pant, who can change the course of the game single-handedly, will be one to look out for. Hasn't been the best of form, but this edition could be different.

**2008:** 4th, **'09:** Semifinalists, **'10:** 5th, **'11:** 10th, **'12:** Play-offs, **'13:** 9th, **'14:** 8th, **'15:** 7th, **'16:** 6th, **'17:** 6th, **'18:** 8th, **'19:** Play-offs


**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**State Disaster Respose & Fire Services Dept.**

**E-Procurement Tender Notification**

Rc.No.3270/S1/2020-21/ WT/ WB Dt: 09-2020

Tenders are invited through e-procurement platform from the Manufactures/ Authorized dealers for the **Procurement of Chassis** (18.5 Tons capacity, 28 Tons capacity) for Water Bowsers as per Departmental Specifications. Estimate Value: **Rs.2,88,00,000/-** for 2 works. Bid document downloading start date: 17.9.2020 at 11 hrs. End date: 25.9.2020 at 17 hrs. Bid submission closing date: 28.9.2020 at 17hrs. Pre-qualification bid cum Technical bid opening: 29.9.2020 at 11.30hrs. Price bid opening date : 30.09.2020 at 11.30 hrs. Further details can be seen at e-market place i.e., **www.eprocurement.gov.in** or **http://tender.eprocurement.gov.in.**

**Sd/- Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada**

DIPR No. 922/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21, Dt: 15/09/2020

**MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**
Ramanagara District. Ph: 080-27271104

No. ಡಿಎಂ/ಸಬ್ಬಂದಿ-1/ಹೊ.ಟೆ./ಸ.ಆರ್-23/2020-21 Dated: 15-09-2020

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Tender Notification for supply of outsource manpower service through outsourcing agency. Interested bidders can participate in e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

| Approximate Amount | EMD Amount | Tender Published Date | Last Date to Submit |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rs. 160.76 Lakh | Rs. 2,41,134/- | 15-09-2020 | 29-09-2020 4.00 p.m |

(Sd/-) **District Officer, Minority Welfare Department Ramanagara District**

DIPR/RMN/200/2020-21

**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY**
**e-Tender Notice**

Tender No: **T No.41,42,46/2020-21/SE/Q** - Providing functional House hold tap connections and providing pipe line extensions in Kummil, Pathanapuram, Grama Panchayath, RWSS to Thodiyoor - Providing FHTC , Construction of Tube well, Supply &installation of pump sets, Bulk Water Meters etc. in Thodiyoor Grama Panchayat in Kollam District. EMD : Rs. 50000 to 100000 Tender fee : Rs. 5000+900 to 7500+1350(18% GST- It will be paid by the contractor on reverse charge basisi while filing his returns). Last Date for submitting Tender : 28-09-2020 02:00:pm. Phone : 0474 2745293. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer PH Circle Kollam

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**Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)**

**ITEM RATE Offer(s) in two part system are invited from reputed, resourceful and experienced parties meeting prescribed qualifying criteria for following work:**

| Sl. No. | Description of work an NIT No. B&R / ME / FGD / NIPQA / GEN Dtd. 14.09.2020 | Tender Document available on B&R's Website | Due date of submission of Bid |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **Pre-Qualification Application (NIPQA) for selection of Consortium Partner/S And Entering into a agreement for Flue Gas De-Sulphurisation Works at Paras 2x250 MW Thermal Power Station at Maharashtra, Pin - 444109** | 14.09.2020 | 24.09.2020 |

**Interested resourceful Contractors may download the tender documents from Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in. Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in only.**

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(O/o CE/TS, B-1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala)

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS**

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| Tender Enquiry No. | 217/SS-II(D) |
| Short Description | **MANUFACTURE, TESTING, SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF 11KV VCB PANELS (SCADA COMPATIBLE) OF ASSORTED TYPES / RATIOS.** |
| Quantity | Sr.No. / Description / NIT Qty. (Nos.): 1. 11 KV Incoming VCB Panels 10; 2. 11 KV Outgoing VCB Panels 73; 3. 11 KV Capacitor Control VCB Panels 8; 4. 11 KV Bus Coupler VCB Panels 9; Total 100 |
| EMD | Rs. 7,70,000/-(Maximum) Rs.1,92,500/- (Minimum) |
| Start date for Downloading of Tender specification | 16.09.2020 |
| Last date of downloading of tender documents | 19.10.2020 upto 11.30 Hrs. |
| Last date of Bid submission | 19.10.2020 upto 11.30 Hrs. |
| Bid opening (Part-I&II) | 20.10.2020 at 11.30 Hrs. |
| Tender Documents | Detailed Tender documents can only be downloaded from website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** |
| Contact No. of e-tendering agency (M/s. GePNIC) | 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284 |
| Contact Person Office Address | Dy.CE/SS (Design), C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala. |

In case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no **CORRIGENDUM** will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL website **www.pspcl.in** and **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

379/C-298/2020-14.09.2020
DPR/I/77145/2020

Dy.CE/SS (Design), PSPCL,Patiala.
Email ID: se-ss-design@pspcl.in

Government of Karnataka
**Office of The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Sirsi, Sirsi**
No. PWP&IWT/SR./Dn/ AE/IFT/3054 Flood Damage/2020-21/ 1751 Date: 10.09.2020

**Short Term e-Tender Notification IFT-KW-3/4**
**(through e-Procurement) (Standard Document Two Cover System)**

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Tender is invited in two cover system for 15 No. works through e-proc Standard Document from eligible contractors registered in PWD. Eligible contractors can participate in the tender by confirming date and other details as published in e-Administration Centre or website **www.proc.karnataka.gov.in**

**(1)** Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **28.09.2020 up to 16.00.00. (2)** Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **29.09.2020 up to 16.00.00. (3)** Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid: **30.09.2020 @ 16.30.00. (4)** Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **01.10.2020 @ 16.00.00** Further information can be obtained from this office during office hours.

***Sd/-* Executive Engineer & State Highway Authority officer, Public Works Department Division Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)**

DIPR/ADK/MCA/330/20-21 dt.14.9.20

**TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCITIES UNION LTD.,**
**N.H. – 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.**
Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/464, Email: tmupur1234@gmail.com, Fax: 0816-2206760

**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS**
**(Tender Notification only through E-procurement)**

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-Procurement tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the supply of the material listed below:

| Sl. No. | E-Procurement Tender No. & Date | Materials Details | E.M.D Amount Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | KMF/TCMU/PUR/2020-21/ IND8498 Dt: 07-09-2020 | Supply And Installation Of 30 KLPD Capacity ETP And UG Sump Tank For Madhugiri Chilling Centre Of Tumkur Milk Union – 01 Unit. | 1,50,000-00 |

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 09-09-2020 to 24-09-2020 / 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **24-09-2020** / 2.00 P.M.
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (Cover-1): **25-09-2020/2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd., MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ**
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ಸಂ.: DPA/TP/CLU/06/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.09.2020

**ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 14(ಎ)ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು **'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯ'** ದಿಂದ **'ವಸತಿ ವಲಯ'**ಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತವೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿವಸಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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**ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ**
ಎಸ್.ಎನ್.ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್,
ಯಲಹಂಕ-ಹಿಂದೂಪುರ ರಸ್ತೆ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ-561203

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**ಷರಾ:-** ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯೋಜಿತ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ವಸತಿ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯಿಂದ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲ ಗ್ರಾಮಸ್ಥರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿದಂತಾಗುವುದು. ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಂದ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾವಕಾಶ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಯಾಗುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶ ಅಡಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯ' ದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ ವಲಯ' ಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

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**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The Engineer-in Chief, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Class-I Contractors registered in KPWD in two tender document system in e-procurement for the following work.

| Sl. No. | Description of Work | Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs) | EMD (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Construction of Centralize Library Block & Providing Furniture, Interior & Accoustic works for Auditorium in the premises of Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences, Shivamogga. | 1149.90 | 11.49 |

Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon): **11 Months.**

**Calendar of Events**: **(1)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **16.10.2020 upto 16.00 Hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **19.10.2020 at 16.00 Hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

**Note**: **(1)** All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

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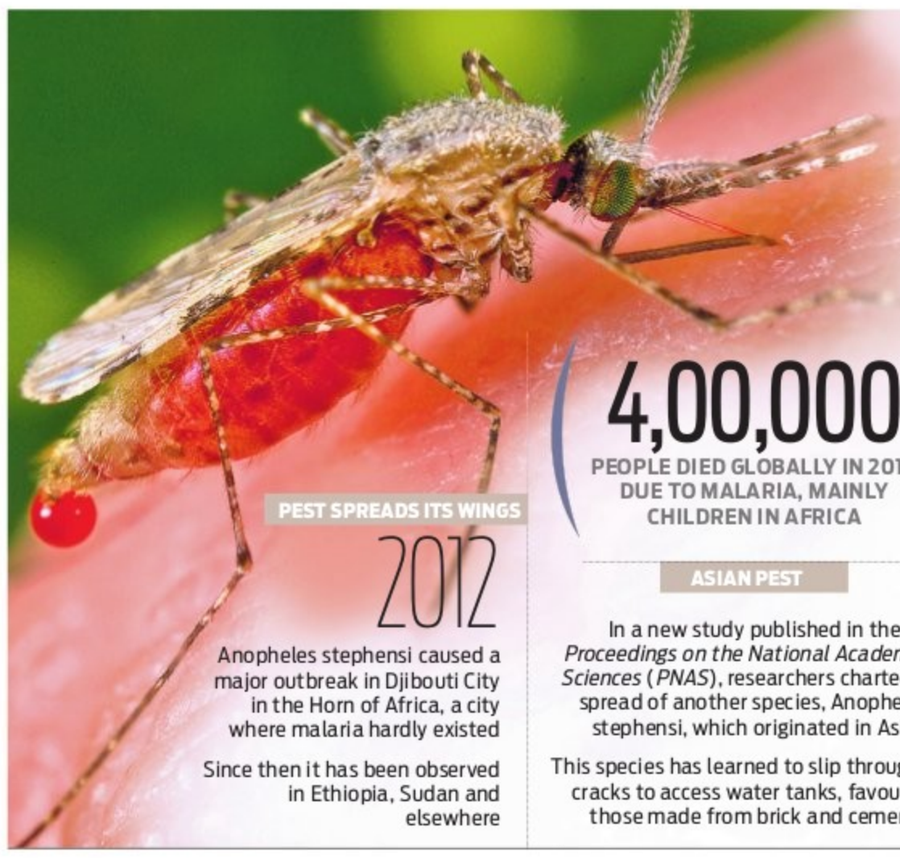
Germany says it is providing up to $892 million to support three domestic pharmaceutical companies that are developing vaccines against the coronavirus. The agreement, which is tied to specific milestones, would guarantee Germany 40 million doses of vaccine.



EXFILE

# Asian mosquitoes now sucking blood in Africa

A species of mosquito originally from Asia threatens to put tens of millions of city-dwellers in Africa at higher risk of catching malaria as the invading insect spreads throughout the continent, a study said on Monday

**4,00,000**
PEOPLE DIED GLOBALLY IN 2018 DUE TO MALARIA, MAINLY CHILDREN IN AFRICA

**PEST SPREADS ITS WINGS**

**2012**

Anopheles stephensi caused a major outbreak in Djibouti City in the Horn of Africa, a city where malaria hardly existed

Since then it has been observed in Ethiopia, Sudan and elsewhere

**ASIAN PEST**

In a new study published in the *Proceedings on the National Academy of Sciences* (*PNAS*), researchers charted the spread of another species, Anopheles stephensi, which originated in Asia

This species has learned to slip through the cracks to access water tanks, favouring those made from brick and cement

**MALARIA AFFECTS RURAL AFRICA**

The Anopheles gambiae group of mosquito species are the main drivers of malaria's spread in Africa

But these insects dislike the polluted puddles seen in cities. They haven't learned to lay their larvae in urban fresh water. Hence, most malaria transmission in Africa occurs in rural areas

**METHODOLOGY**

Researchers combined location data for the species with spatial models that identified the environmental conditions characterising its preferred habitat: high-density urban areas where it is hot and rainfall is plentiful

**EVENING PESTS**

African mosquitoes like to bite humans when at night when it is cool. Anopheles stephensi feeds during the evening, when it is warmer, making bed nets less effective

*That means that Africa, which has already got the highest burden of malaria, could have an even bigger impact*

Marianne Sinka, medical entomologist, University of Oxford

**SPREAD IN ASIA & NORTH AFRICA**

1. China, 2. Thailand, 3. Bangladesh, 4. India, 5. Pakistan, 6. Afghanistan, 7. Iran, 8. Iraq, 9. Saudi Arabia, 10. Bahrain, 11. Oman, 12. Egypt

**SPREAD IN AFRICA**

13. Sudan, 14. Ethiopia, 15. Djibouti

**FINDINGS**

**44** Number of cities that are "highly suitable" locations for the insect, according to the study

This puts 126 million more Africans -- mainly around the equatorial regions -- at risk of malaria, compared to today

**MEASURES**

Installing mosquito nets on windows, soaking the walls in insecticides, and covering the body are better ways to protect against this species. Longer term, the most effective measure is to target the larvae: eliminate stagnant water and tightly seal water tanks from intrusion

# Exoplanets with diamonds in core?

Study explains how exoplanets, in the right circumstances, could be made of the precious mineral

**COSMIC RICHES**

LONDON: Researchers have been always fascinated by the possibility of the existence of carbon-rich planets made of diamonds. Recently, a study published in *The Planetary Science Journal*, a team of researchers from Arizona State University (ASU) and the University of Chicago have determined that some carbon-rich exoplanets, given the right circumstances, could be made of diamonds and silica.

"These exoplanets are unlike anything in our solar system," says lead author Harrison Allen-Sutter of ASU's School of Earth and Space Exploration.

When stars and planets are formed, they do so from the same cloud of gas, so their bulk compositions are similar. A star with a lower carbon to oxygen ratio will have planets like Earth, comprised of silicates and oxides with a very small diamond content (Earth's diamond content is about 0.001 per cent).

But exoplanets around stars with a higher carbon to oxygen ratio than our sun are more likely to be carbon-rich.

The team of researchers

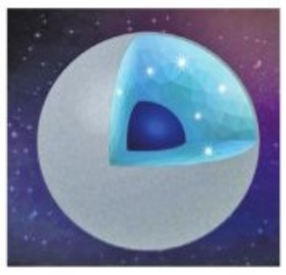


Illustration of a carbon-rich planet with diamond and silica as main minerals. In the interior, the main minerals would be diamond and silica | ASU

hypothesised that these carbon-rich exoplanets could convert to diamond and silicate, if water (which is abundant in the universe) were present, creating a diamond-rich composition. The researchers to confirm their hypothesis, they used high pressure diamond-anvil cells, a device used to squeeze small samples of material to very high pressures.

The team immersed silicon carbide in water and compressed the sample between diamonds to a very high pressure.

To monitor the reaction between silicon carbide and water, the team conducted laser heating, taking X-ray measurements while the laser heated the sample at high pressures.

As they predicted, with high heat and pressure, the silicon carbide reacted with water and turned into diamonds and silica.

In 2012, astronomers had found an exoplanet that was likely composed of diamonds and graphite.

Located 41 light-years away, the super-Earth exoplanet orbits the star 55 Cancri. Called 55 Cancri e, the planet has twice the diameter and more than eight times the mass of Earth. The planet has a surface temperature of about 2149 degrees Celsius.

**FACT OF THE MATTER**

## EU top court backs net neutrality

**SAME TREATMENT**

The European Union's highest court has given its support to the bloc's rules that stop internet providers from charging customers for preferential access to their networks. The European Court of Justice on Tuesday issued its first interpretation of the EU's net neutrality rules since they were adopted in 2015. The rules require telecommunications providers to treat all data traffic the same, and prevent them from reserving better access for their own services, or selling bandwidth to big companies like Google and Netflix while leaving a slower Internet for everyone else. Rules to "protect Internet users' rights and to treat traffic in a non-discriminatory manner preclude an internet access provider from favouring certain applications and services" through zero tariff packages and blocking or slowing traffic, the court said.

## China sends 9 satellites

**LAUNCH FROM SHIP**

China successfully launched on Tuesday a solid-propellant carrier rocket from a ship in the Yellow Sea, sending nine satellites into orbit in the second such sea-based launch mission, the official media reported.

The Long March 11-HY2, the 10th member of the Long March 11 family blasted off at 9:22 am from the Debo 3, a self-propelled deck barge that was modified for the mission, *China Daily* reported. The nine satellites belong to the Jilin-1 Gaofen 03-1 group.

## Lego to ditch plastic bags

**EASY TO OPEN**

Lego on Tuesday said that it will stop using plastic bags inside its boxed sets and replace them with paper ones. The Danish toymaker said it will start making the switch next year and expects plastic bags to be completely phased out in the next five years. The bags are used to hold loose bricks in boxed sets. Lego's colorful bricks are also made of plastic, but the company has had trouble finding another material that's as durable. About 2% of its pieces, such as Lego trees and bushes, are made of sugar cane.

EXPRESS QUIZ

## *Int'l Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer*

**1** **In 1994, the United Nations proclaimed 16 September the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. The ozone layer surrounds the entire earth. Where does the ozone layer mainly reside in the atmosphere?**

a) Exosphere (altitude of 500 km to 10,000 km above earth)
b) Ionosphere (50 km to 1000 km altitude)
c) Stratosphere (10 km to 50 km above the earth's surface)
d) Troposphere (20 km mean sea level)

**2** **The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer commemorates the date of the signing, in 1987 of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Who among the below received the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the work concerning the decomposition of ozone?**

a) Paul Crutzen, Dutch atmospheric chemist
b) Mario Jose Molina, Mexican chemist
c) F. Sherwood Rowland, US professor of chemistry
d) All of the above

**3** **In 1974, F. Sherwood Rowland and Mario Jose Molina published the widely noted *Nature* article. What does the article talk about?**

a) The molecular formula of ozone and proves that ozone is O3
b) Ozone is a molecule consisting of 3 oxygen atoms, which reacts strongly with other molecules
c) The threat to the ozone layer from CFCs that led to stringent restrictions on chlorofluorocarbon
d) All of the above

**4** **In May 1985, British geophysicist Joe Farman, English meteorologists Brian Gardiner and Jonathan Shanklin noted a drastic depletion of the ozone layer and formation of the ozone hole over which of the below?**

a) Antarctica
b) Southern Hemisphere
c) Northern Hemisphere
d) Polar Region (The North and South Pole)

**5** **It takes decades to cleanse ozone-depleting substances from the atmosphere; and scientists believe that the ozone layer is on track to recover around 2060. Several commonly used chemicals are incredibly damaging to the ozone layer. Which of the below are the least Ozone-depleting substances and gases?**

a) Methyl bromide (Bromomethan), Bromochloromethane (Methylene bromochloride)
b) Argon, Krypton
c) CFC (Chlorofluorocarbon), HCFCs (Hydrochlorofluorocarbons)
d) Methyl chloroform (1,1,1-trichloroethane) and Halons

**KEY:** 1C 2D 3C 4A 5B

Quizmaster **Sunil Dhavala** is a media entrepreneur. This alumnus of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has held senior roles at Bertelsmann, National Geographic, Fox Broadcasting, Star TV and WPP.

**HELLO KITTY**

A Bengal tiger cub born in captivity at the Hacienda Napoles theme park, once the private zoo of drug kingpin Pablo Escobar in Doradal, Colombia. Two cubs were born on August 8 in the midst of the pandemic, but their mother died of natural cause | AFP

## Turmeric may help reduce knee pain in arthritis patients

**GOLDEN CURE**

SYDNEY: An extract of Curcuma longa (CL) or turmeric has been found to be more effective than placebo for reducing knee pain in patients with knee osteoarthritis, say researchers.

Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis, affecting millions of people worldwide. It occurs when the protective cartilage that cushions the ends of bones wears down over time.

According to the study, published in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*, turmeric, however, does not affect the structural aspects of knee osteoarthritis, such as swelling or cartilage composition assessed using MRI.

Due to the modest effect of the turmeric extracts on knee pain, a small sample size of the study, short-duration of follow-up and the single research centre, researchers suggest that trials with larger sample sizes are needed to assess the clinical significance of their findings.

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**DAY'S DIARY**

## *Foundation day*

World's largest motor-vehicle manufacturer of the 20th and early 21st centuries, General Motor Company, was founded on this day in 1908

**IN ITS FLEET**

Headquartered in Detroit, the company was founded by William C Durant. It is known for producing Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, Oakland (Pontiac), Ewing, and Marquette

**MOTORSPORTS**

Over the years GM has participated in the World Touring Car Championship, 24 Hours of Le Mans, NASCAR, SCCA, Supercars Championship, and many other motorsports events

**FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

In 2008, GM committed to engineering half of its manufacturing plants to be landfill-free. Hence, production waste is recycled or reused in the manufacturing process

## *Ganesh to start shooting for Tribble Riding*

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A still from the play *Kotugumma* performed by Sanchari Theatre before the pandemic

**Months after other theatre groups went online, Sanchari Theatre has finally joined the bandwagon as well. Every Monday, the group now puts out a new pre-recorded workshop for enthusiasts to enjoy**

# HOPPING ONLINE

• **Monika Monalisa**

It's no surprise that theatre professionals feel most at home on a stage. But with necessity being the mother of invention, Sanchari Theatre finally took the digital route too last month. Every Monday, they post a video of a new workshop (recorded the previous week) as part of their Abhyasa Malike series. On Saturdays, they upload videos of old productions staged over the years.

N Mangala, the founder of the 15-year-old theatre production house, says the pandemic has not spared the mental state of anyone, theatre artistes included. "For the last four months, they have had nothing to do. So we started doing these workshops online. On Mondays, we put out fresh content that we record for our YouTube channel," says Mangala, who has been a theatre practitioner for 31 years. The latest video uploaded for this series is on a story called Mutthu, an Arabic story that was translated to Kannada by S Divakar. The story was written by Egyptian writer Naguib Mahfouz, who won the Noble Prize in 1988 for his literary work.

Taking advantage of the digital medium, the group is reviving old productions as well. On Saturdays, they put up plays they had recorded in the past. "Since 2012, we have done two productions for children every year. We have recorded all those plays and are now putting it out for people to enjoy again," says Mangala, who hopes that the children who were a part of the play will enjoy seeing themselves from their younger days on stage.

Sanchari, which has been a go-to place for theatre lovers in the city, has also seen visiting faculty like theatre persons Prasanna, Sihi Kahi Chandru, Arun Sagar and Rangayana Raghu. While theatre production houses have been going online for a while now, it took Sanchari some time to join the bandwagon. Mangala, 56, says she was never in favour of theatre being "watched on a screen" but had to change her mind. "Theatre is an art form that needs one to respond with all five sensory organs. I have never liked the idea of learning this art form online. That's why till now I didn't do any online classes. But the situation outside is so bad that I don't want to take chances with anyone, especially children," she says.

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—**N Mangala,** founder, Sanchari Theatre

## KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture. The quiz will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

### Questions

1. The Maharaja of Mysore refused to join the Indian union when India gained Independence from the British on August 15, 1947. Who was the then Maharaja?

2. The Jnanpith Award instituted in 1961 is the highest literary honour conferred in India. Kannada writers have won 8 awards so far, the second highest in any language, next only to Hindi, which has 11. Who was the first Kannada writer to be honoured with the award?

3. Which of these is the original name given to Cubbon Park when it was created in 1870: Sankey Park, Meade's Park, Richards Park?

## CITY READ

### Service station completes 51 years

Sree Venkateshwara Service Station,which is a flagship concern of SV Group, has completed 51 years in Bengaluru. To commemorate the occasion, the service station, through its group Restaurant M/s Menaka Foods, in association with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, will be offering boneless biryani to their customers. Based on the fuel off take, the offer will be complimentary or discounted.

### Hindi Day celebrations

Canara Bank's head office in Bengaluru organised Hindi Day celebrations recently. The MD and CEO of the bank, L V Prabhakar, appealed for the adoption of Hindi as the language of business, not just in the constitutional form. During the programme, employees doing the best work in Hindi at Canara Bank were awarded.

### Virtual Engineers' Day

REVA University, Bangalore, celebrated the 53rd Engineers' Day on Sept. 15, by going virtual. The programme had a depiction of Sir Visveshvaraya's life achievements through a dance performance by the School of Performing Arts and Indic Studies. Students and alumni joined in using the link shared with them.

# Ranking safety

**Users can either select a place, read the reviews, view their past performance, and also navigate to that place. This is in the trial phase for Bengaluru**
—**Niranth Bymana,** co-founder

Samanvi Bhograj

• **Express Features**

You want to step out for a meal, but hygiene and safety measures stop you from doing so. While people have always been conscious of hygiene, Covid-19 has probably been the biggest wake-up call, say Niranth Bymana (35) and Samanvi Bhograj. Which is why they have created HYGN, (pronounced as hygiene), an app that allows people to review and search for places and services based on their hygiene ratings. The AI-based app, currently available on Android, provides ratings on customer reviews specific to hygiene and safety.

"Current reviews and ratings are run and managed by businesses or are too broad-based. For example, a person experiences rude staff behaviour and another finds an insect in his food, chances are both of them may rate the respective places low. But finding an insect is a graver issue compared to staff behaviour. This is a serious hygiene issue," says Bymana who has done an MBA from the IIM-Lucknow. Co-founder Bhograj has an MBA from Marshall University, USA. Currently, both of them are focussing on this new venture.

Three co-founders and a team of developers and designers started working on this app during the lockdown. The map-based application shows the user places around based on their hygiene ratings. "Users can select a place, read reviews and view their past performance. This is in trial phase for Bengaluru," Bymana says.

HYGN provides business owners with information about how people perceive their safety standards. "It also gives insights on how other similar businesses are doing better. The app can help owners effectively manage businesses. They can now control not just store experience but delivery and last-mile experience too," Bymana says.

# Bid goodbye to bumpy rides

• **Anilkumar T**

Landing in a pothole on a road as one drives not only alters the wheel alignment of the vehicle but it may also result in a serious accident. If the speed of the vehicle and depth of the pothole are high, the damage can extend to the vehicle's suspension, shock absorber, bumper, axle and the body. Applying the brakes and holding on to the steering wheel tightly are the only option to save oneself and the vehicle when a motorist suddenly comes across a deadly pothole on a road.

Henceforth, the motorists need not have to worry as they can manoeuvre one's way and avoid the potholes with the help of a real-time map. A new android-based app, Intents Go, has come to the rescue of motorists while negotiating bumpy and potholed roads.

The app, which calculates the size and depth of potholes using realtime data of the users, has been developed by Intents Mobi, a Gurugram-based firm. It has developed the beta version of the navigation map.

"More than 400 lives are lost on average on India's roads everyday and we started Intents Mobi to do our part to bring this number down. We are leveraging the power of technology to develop road safety solutions that are not only effective but also scalable for the masses. Intents Go is one such step in our journey to make Indian roads safer for all," said Tabrez Alam, founder, Intents Mobi.

Interestingly, the app not only gives alerts about potholes but also informs the user about waterlogging and traffic bottlenecks ahead. Besides, the navigation map also provides a 3D vision of the potholes to the users. Interestingly, the app doesn't collect private data or ask the user to create an account.

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—**Tabrez Alam,** founder

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# Smooth sailing

• **Vidya Iyengar**

A "hard-core non-vegetarian", Aashti Sindhu grew up eating meat until a stray comment by a friend got her thinking about the suffering animals are put through. "We were having a meal which just happened to be vegan. I was telling her about my love for beef when she asked whether I had looked into the eyes of a cow," she says. While the question caught her off-guard, she found herself watching a PETA video on a person's journey to being vegan. One thing led to another and Aashti soon found herself dropping animal-based products from her meals four years ago. The pilot with Indigo Airlines then started a venture Bella's Bowls, which focuses on smoothies, during the lockdown, and now plans to donate proceeds to animal-welfare organisations. "The idea behind this venture is to inspire people to eat healthy while knowing they are making making a difference to some of the most overlooked animals in our society," says Aashti, who has been a pilot for the last 14 years, flying both the domestic and international sectors. In fact, the inspiration behind the idea of Bella's Bowls was Grace, her pet dog who is no more, it is named after her pup Bella.

Aashti Sindhu

Aashti, who has also studied nutrition from Cornell University and AFPA in the USA, operates her venture between Monday and Saturday, 12pm and 5pm, for which she has also hired one staff member to ensure that deliveries carry on even when she's flying. With seven varieties, some of which includes Apple Pie, Green Ninja, and Lean Green Grape Machine, Aashti uses oat or nut milk sweetened with dates, homemade protein power to make the smoothies nutritionally dense. Prepared at her residence in Vasanth Nagar, her preparations are available on Swiggy and Zomato and start from ₹270. "I heard a shocking statistic a few years ago, which has been pivotal in my decision to help farmed animals. Only 10 per cent of donations in the world go to animal welfare. And out of that, a mere 1 per cent goes towards farmed animals. People prefer to contribute towards dogs and cats maybe because they don't know the plight of these other animals," she says about her choice to donate to these organisations.

# QUICK FIX

## What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

## PARUPPU URUNDAI MOR KUZHAMBU

**INGREDIENTS**

- **Curd:** 500 ml
- **Turmeric powder:** a pinch
  Rock salt as required

**FOR URUNDAI**

- **Channa dal:** 2 spoons
- **Toor dal:** 1 spoon
- **Red chillies:** 2
- **Salt** as per taste

**FOR MASALA**

- **Coriander seeds:** 1 spoon
- **Raw rice:** 1 spoon
- **Cumin seeds:** 1/4 spoon
- **Green and red chilles:** 1 each
- **Grated coconut:** 1 tsp

**FOR SEASONING**

Cumin seeds, mustard, asafoetida, coconut oil and curry leaves

**METHOD**

- Dilute curd by adding a cup of water. Churn well and add turmeric powder and rock salt. Keep it aside.
- Soak the dals and red chilli for one or two hours. Strain it and grind into a paste. Cook this in oil and make small balls out of it. Steam them in an idli cooker.
- Grind all the ingredients for the masala. Add this to curd and boil the mixture on low flame till the liquid forms a froth.
- Add the steamed balls to it. Do not stir. Let it cook on low flame till done.
- Season it and serve hot with plain rice.

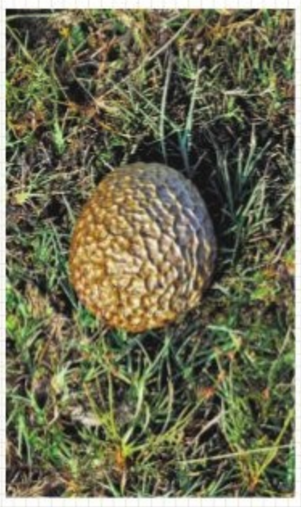
**– Anu Rajagopal, Chennai**

# NATURE TALK

## CONVOLUTED

- Intricately folded, twisted or coiled.
- Convolutions pack matter closely. Create edges. Cause sudden surges of diversity.
- They are an oft-used structural design in nature, across cosms.
- Mountain to river, bark to boulder, coral to carapace, brain to blood vessel, cell membrane to DNA.
- Stars and planets convolute space-time.
- The spaces in corners, cracks, gaps, folds and fissures are important parts of living habitats. They are refuges, nurseries, hideaways, havens - dense with life.

**– M Yuvan**



# BRIGHT SPOT

## SCHOOLING CHILD LABOURERS

As a young boy, Ramesh Gholap lost his father and had to sell bangles along with his mother and siblings to earn their daily bread in Mahagaon village in Solapur district, Maharashtra. That boy grew up to become an IAS officer, and now, Gholap is the deputy commissioner of Koderma, Jharkhand. Reflecting on his past, he made it his mission to ensure children, the underprivileged and those taking up odd jobs, get an education and the opportunity to achieve something great. To date, he has rescued and rehabilitated more than 35 children forced into labour at hotels and garages in different districts. During the lockdown, the officer got to know about five children who were orphaned after their father's death. The eldest son, who is 18, works as a daily-wage labourer. Ramesh ensured the four younger siblings, three girls and one boy all aged under 10, were enrolled in the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya and Koderma government school respectively.

Source: The Better India

# APPSMART

### Cricket Line Guru

Cricket Line Guru provides fast live line, live cricket score updates of cricket matches including all ODI, T20 and Test international, Domestic and women's matches.

**Available on:** Android & iOS

### Cricket Mazza 11

The app provides you with a 360-degree cricket entertainment from live score to latest news updates on your fingertips.

**Available on:** Android & iOS

### IPL 2020

Get live scores and ball-by-ball commentary; participate in fantasy leagues, get video highlights & features, fixtures and results, latest news, match reports and exclusive interviews

**Available on:** Android & iOS

# FIT BIT

## PADANGUSTHADHANURASANA
### (BIG TOE BOW POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'pada' means 'foot', 'angustha' means 'limb' or 'big toe,' 'dhanur' means 'bow' and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is an advanced backbend that comes in the fourth series of Ashtanga yoga. In addition to opening the chest, strengthening the spine and stretching the entire front body, this invigorating pose reduces stress and anxiety, and stimulates the mind. Like the basic bow pose, it opens the Anahata (Heart) chakra, which is associated with love, openness, compassion, empathy, forgiveness and acceptance.

**STEPS**

- Lie down on the floor; your stomach facing downwards.
- Place your palms on either side of the chest. Pressing them, straighten your arms, and raise your head and trunk off the floor.
- Bend your knees and lift your feet up. Exhale, try to touch your head with the feet.
- Place one foot over the other. Putting more weight on the hand one side, lift and stretch the other hand and hold your toes.
- Exhale, lift the other hand too and grasp your toes. With your right hand, hold your right big toe tightly. Hold the left one with your left hand. Take a few breaths.
- Exhale, stretch your arms with legs as high as you can. Try to straighten your arms at the elbows. This is the first pose. Hold the pose for about 15 seconds.
- Now, bend your elbows and pull your feet down until the heels rest on the head. Gradually, increase the tension so that the heels rest first on the forehead, then on the eyes and lastly on the lips. This is the second pose. Hold for a few seconds.
- Now, lower your feet until they touch the sides of the shoulders. This is the third pose. Stay here for a few seconds.
- Now, exhale and stretch your legs and arms up. Release your legs, and then your hands.
- Rest on the floor and relax.

**BENEFITS**

- Helps cure rheumatic and arthritic pain.
- Reduces obesity, back pain and shoulder pain.
- Helps eliminate gastric problems and other digestive disorders.
- Provides a good physique and body posture.
- Beneficial for those suffering from diabetes, asthma and bronchial disorders.
- Helps open up the chest region.
- Reduces pain in different parts of the body. It stretches and strengthens the back.
- Strengthens and stretches the groin.
- Improves blood circulation.

**LIMITATIONS**

- If you have neck or lower back injuries, or have undergone any abdominal surgery recently, avoid this,
- If you have high blood pressure, ulcers, migraine, headache or hernia, avoid this.

*– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai*

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# POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

### MUNGARU MALE 2

Preetham, the son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.

- Cast: Ganesh, Neha Shetty, V. Ravichandran

### MR. AND MRS. RAMACHARI

Ramachari and Divya fall in love after the former saves her from a group of bullies in their college. However, they part ways when Divya begins to question his behaviour, trust and way of life.

- Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

### KANDA NAAL MUDHAL

Two youngsters meet in a marriage hall and fight with each other and thereafter every-time they meet they end up fighting with each other. But there comes a time when this animosity turns to love.

- Cast: Prasanna, Laila, Karthik Kumar, Regina Cassandra

### UDAN PIRAPPU

Best friends Sathya and Viji are against selling their colony to a land grabber. Their friendship is put to the test after Viji falls in love with Sumathi and marries her.

- Cast: Sathyaraj, Goundamani, K. R. Vijaya, Thilakan, Nassar

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

# WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

**1 IS THE WEATHER ACTUALLY BECOMING MORE EXTREME? BY R SARAVANAN**

From 2016 to 2019, the world saw record-breaking heat waves, rampant wildfires, and the longest run of category 5 tropical cyclones. The number of extreme weather events has been increasing for the last 40 years, and is said to continue. Is this due to random chance, or changing climate? R Saravanan investigates.

**2 THE PHYSICS OF PLAYING GUITAR BY OSCAR FERNANDO PEREZ**

Guitar masters like Jimi Hendrix are capable of bending the physics of waves to their wills, plucking melody from inspiration and vibration. But how do wood, metal, and plastic translate into rhythm, melody, and music? Oscar Fernando Perez details the physics of playing the guitar, from first pluck to that final shredding chord.

**3 CAN YOU SOLVE THE DRAGON JOUSTING RIDDLE? BY ALEX GENDLER**

Every five years, teams representing the elves, goblins, and treefolk will compete in a tournament of dragon jousting. You have to record the scores for the inaugural tournament. But, you overslept. Can you figure out the score of each match? Alex Gendler shows how.

**4 INSIDE THE WORLD OF INTERNET TROLLS & PROPAGANDISTS BY ANDREW MARANTZ**

Journalist Andrew Marantz spent three years in the world of Internet trolls and social media propagandists, seeking out those propelling fringe talking points into the heart of conversation online. Go down the rabbit hole of online propaganda and misinformation—and learn we can start to make the Internet less toxic.

**5 THE BEAUTY OF WHAT WE'LL NEVER KNOW BY PICO IYER**

A keen observer of the human spirit, Pico Iyer expands on this curious insight about knowledge gained with age: that the more we know, the more we see how little we know.

# NOW STREAMING

## REGIONAL

### MAYABAZAR 2016 (Kannada)

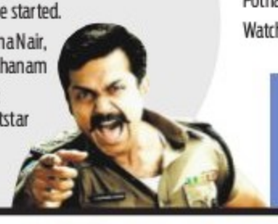
An honest policeman, a conman and a hopeless romantic form an unusual team during the days of demonetisation to pull off a scam that quickly goes haywire.

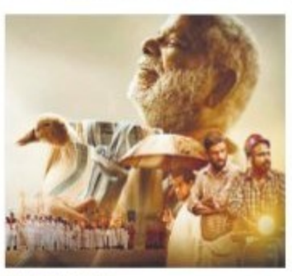
- Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vasishta Simha, Prakash Raj
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

### SIRUTHAI (Tamil)

A small-time thief turns over a new leaf when he ends up taking care of a little girl. Upon learning of her policeman father's heroic deeds, he decides to fight criminals and finish what he started.

- Cast: Karthi, Meghna Nair, Tamannaah, Santhanam
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar





### EE.MA.YAU. (Malayalam)

Set in Chellanam in the south Indian state of Kerala, the sudden death of Vavachan Mesthiri throws a family into turmoil as they scramble to plan his funeral.

- Cast: Chemban Vinod Jose, Vinayakan, Dileesh Pothan
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

### LOVE SONIA (Hindi)

When Sonia's debt-ridden father sells her sister, she sets out on a journey hoping to rescue her. Sonia's life takes an unusual turn when she gets trapped in the world of flesh trade.

- Cast: Mrunal Thakur, Freida Pinto, Richa Chadda
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

### THE WALLET (Hindi)

An unattended wallet keeps the secret of love, loyalty and passion. See what happens when Ayushman, a young man finds it and how the lives of Aasma and Samar change.

- Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Navni Parihar, Gaurav Venkatesh
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

*All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.*

### NATASAARVABHOWMA (Kannada)

An investigative journalist, Gagan, moves to Bengaluru and ends up living in a supposedly haunted house. Soon, he realises a change in his behaviour after falling prey to supernatural activities.

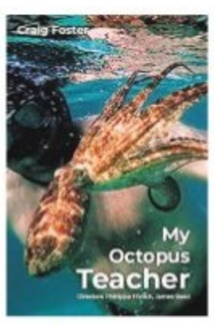
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Anupama Parameswaran, Rachita Ram, Avika Gor
- Watch on: Zee5
- Subscription: ₹ 99 per month

### YUTHAM SEI (Tamil)

JK, a CID officer, is forced to take up a case while on a lookout for his own sister who is missing. While investigating, he realises there is more to the case and goes on to unveil the mystery.

- Cast: Cheran, Jaya Prakash, Dipa Shah
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

## FOREIGN




### MY OCTOPUS TEACHER (English)

A diver swims with an octopus that lives in a kelp forest off the coast of South Africa.

- Cast: Craig Foster
- Watch on: Netflix

### MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – ROGUE NATION (English)

With the IMF disbanded and the CIA hunting him, Ethan and his team race against time to prove the existence of the Syndicate, a highly-skilled terror organisation, before they plan their next attack.

- Cast: Rebecca Ferguson, Tom Cruise, Simon Pegg, Jeremy Renner
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

### THE PRESTIGE (English)

Two friends and fellow magicians become bitter enemies after a sudden tragedy. As they devote themselves to this rivalry, they make sacrifices that bring them fame but with terrible consequences.

- Cast: Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman, Scarlett Johansson, Michael Caine
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

### SOMEBODY FEED PHIL (English, series)

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### THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

**By: Arpit Vageria**
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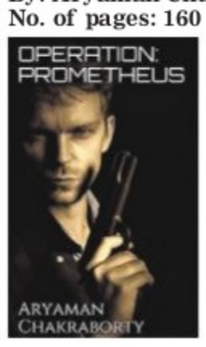
### OPERATION PROMETHEUS

**By: Aryaman Chakraborty**
**No. of pages: 160**




This book, penned by 17-year-old Aryaman Chakraborty, was a result of the coronavirus lockdown. It features Delbak Cath, who is the CEO of a multimillion-dollar conglomerate tech company called D-tech. Though not the face of the company, he is the brains behind it. His lack of fame is due to his ability to carry out assassins discreetly. He uses his wealth and resources to give him the anonymity and necessary tools to carry out his tasks. This time, however, he is the one being hunted, by the CIA and a powerful shadow organisation, who are putting his survival at risk.

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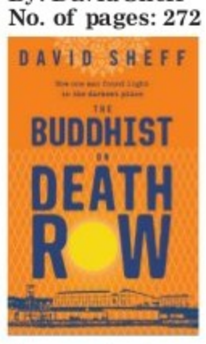


The author of *Beautiful Boy* explores the transformation of Jarvis Jay Masters who has become one of America's most inspiring Buddhist practitioners while locked in a cell on death row. Born in Long Beach, California, Master's house was filled with crack, alcohol, physical abuse, and men who paid his mother for sex. At one point he was under a murder trial and was torn by rage and anxiety, seizures and panic attacks, a criminal investigator offered to teach him breathing exercises which he repeatedly refused. But later becomes drawn to the principles that Buddhism espouses—compassion, sacrifice, and living in the moment.

### THE PHOENIX

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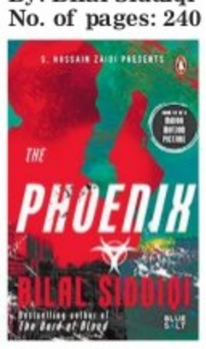
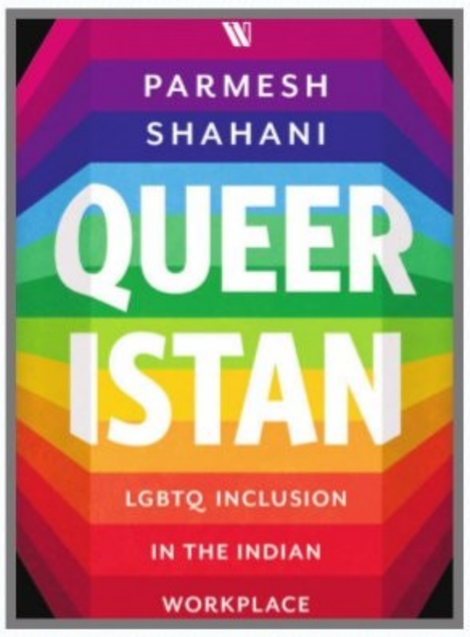



Story of an ex-intelligence officer, Phoenix 5 division, Intelligence and Research Wing, who was released from a high-security prison in Lakshadweep after serving a seven-year sentence for a botched counterterrorism operation led by Director General Amarjyot Bhushan. Written by Bilal Siddiqi , best known for his previous book –*The Bard of Blood*, *The Phoenix* tells a dystopian tale of espionage and global terror, of sleeper cells and double agents, of biological warfare and suicide attacks.

# WORKING WITH PRIDE

**Parmesh Shahani's *Queeristan* makes a case for LGBTQ+ inclusion in corporate India**




> **The LGBTQ job fair in Bengaluru had 45 companies, so I'm seeing more active recruitment**
> —**Parmesh Shahani,** author

**Simran Ahuja**

Twelve years after he wrote *Gay Bombay*, Parmesh Shahani is out with his second book – *Queeristan* (Westland Publications). The business book, which has just as much heart as it has numbers, outlines a case for LGBTQ+ inclusion in corporate India. Or as Shahani, who is the head of Godrej India Culture Lab, puts it, "It's a business book that talks about hope, fun, pleasure, possibilities and stories." Edited excerpts from an interview:

**Tell us about Queeristan. What was the idea behind writing this book?**
It is essentially a business book, wrapped with a lot of masala. At its core, the book outlines a clear case for why any organisation should be inclusive. Besides being the decent thing to do, it can make you money, be more innovative and also helps you find good talent. Each of these cases is supported by data and moving stories, including my own. It also tells you what any organisation can do to be inclusive, which is second half of the book. The first takes you through my own journey, the past 10 years, and how we pushed Godrej to become an inclusive company. We need to think of our queer employees like our queer children and the book also includes the history of being queer in India.

**What's the story behind the title of the book?**
*Queeristan* is my affectionate title for an India that is queer friendly and inclusive. I have a chapter dedicated to this too. It's not an imagination, we are already creating facets of this inclusive India all around – whether through our law, through the progressive moves of certain states (for example, Maharashtra last month set up a transgender welfare board), more accepting parents, colleges coming up with all-gender hostels for gender non-conforming students, etc. I call all these changes Queeristan.

**Which Indian companies have you quoted as examples for others to follow?**
From Tech Mahindra to Wipro to The Lalit Ashok, Indian companies, along with global counterparts, are all in different stages of adopting all the best practices. Companies like ThoughtWorks in Bengaluru are also progressive. One would imagine progressive stuff from companies like Google and Goldman Sachs. But even Tata Steel, which is a hardcore Indian industrial company, or companies like Cummins in Pune, when they offer gender affirmation surgery or relocation benefits to same sex partners – it makes a difference. It shows that inclusion is not something only service-oriented companies can incorporate. It's something everyone can do. The LGBTQ job fair in Bengaluru had 45 companies – so I'm seeing more active recruitment. A lot of them were software and design jobs but I'm seeing more companies, like Solidarity Foundation and PeriFerry, work with LGBTQ community organisations, to design a combination of skill building and hiring workshops for entry-level employees. To me, all of these are good steps because it's happening at every level.

**You have an entire chapter dedicated to privilege. Can you tell more about it?**
I've been conscious of my own position, my background or education, the fact that I'm working at company like Godrej, which has given me access that many of my queer community members don't have. A lot that is heard in the queer movement happens to be gay, male, upper-caste voices. So I've been conscious to write this book to share my journey but also use it as a platform to showcase and amplify voices that aren't heard enough.

**Why did you wait 12 years to write your second book?**
*Gay Bombay* was informed by my experience in academia. Queeristan came after my experience in business. So I saw a different side of the world. Between the two, so much changed in our country. My own understanding of queerness changed so much. Now I think of queerness in intersectional terms. I think of how linked it has to be with other movements, like climate change, gender, the anti-caste movement, etc. Between the two books, my own understanding of how one can't argue for LGBTQ rights without understanding that all our rights are interconnected, has grown and informed this book.

**Are you working on any other book at the moment?**
I want to write a sequel - Straighistaan, which will look at the world of straight people through my queer eyes. I'm just joking. But I don't want to wait another 12 years for my book. I enjoyed writing this and I do have ideas I want to explore around the idea of being queer in contemporary India. I'm sure it'll be faster – maybe a year or two.

Parmesh Shahani

TURNING PAGES

# 'I was being kept even more in the dark than usual'

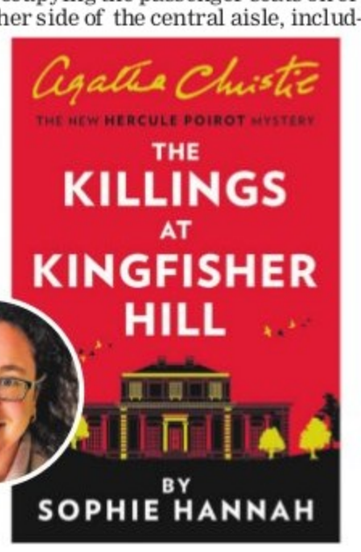
It is not midnight when this tale begins, but ten minutes before two on the afternoon of 22nd February 1931. That was when the strangeness started, as M. Hercule Poirot and Inspector Edward Catchpool (his friend, and the teller of this story) stood with thirty strangers in a dispersed huddle—no one too close to anyone else, but all of us easily identifiable as an assembly—on London's Buckingham Palace Road.

Our group of men and women and one child (an infant carried by his mother in a bundle arrangement that presented a rather mummified appearance) were soon to be travellers on a journey that felt peculiar and puzzling to me long before I knew quite how extraordinary it would become.

We were congregated by the side of the motor-coach that was to take us from London to the famed Kingfisher Hill country estate near Haslemere in Surrey, a place according to many of outstanding natural beauty. Despite being present well in advance of the coach's scheduled departure time, no passengers had yet been permitted to board. Instead we shivered in the damp February chill, stamped our feet and blew on our gloved hands to warm ourselves as best we could.

It was not midnight, but it was the sort of winter day that is light-starved at dawn and remains so deprived for its duration.

There were seats for thirty passengers on the coach, and thirty-two of us in all who would be travelling: the driver, the swaddled infant in his mother's firm grip, and the rest of us occupying the passenger seats on either side of the central aisle, including a representative of the coach company.



It struck me, as I shivered by Poirot's side, that I had more in common with the babe in arms than with any other members of our group. Thirty of our band of thirty-two knew why they were going wherever they were going on that day. Poirot was one in that lucky position. The coach's driver, also, knew his reason for being there: it put food on his table—a compelling motive if ever there was one.

The baby and I were the only people present who had not the faintest notion of why we were about to board the garishly-painted motor-coach, and of the two of us, only one perceived his ignorant state as a problem. All I knew was the coach's destination: Kingfisher Hill, a private country estate of some nine hundred acres, with a golf club, two tennis courts and a swimming pool designed and built by celebrated architect Sir Victor Marklew that boasted warm water all year round.

A country home within the quiet and leafy confines of the Kingfisher Hill Estate was out of the reach of all but the wealthiest of people, but that did not prevent Londoners of all denominations from talking about it endlessly. I might have been eager to enter those blessed gates for the first time had Poirot not been so determined to withhold from me the reason for our visit. As it was, the sense that I was being kept even more in the dark than usual proved too great an irritant. Was I, perhaps, on my way to meet a future Queen? It was sometimes said at Scotland Yard that the inhabitants of Kingfisher Hill were mostly royal personages and aristocrats, and anything seemed possible on a journey of Poirot's devising.

The coach departed promptly at two o'clock, and I cannot think that the events which took place before the driver called out his cheery 'Away we sally, ladies and gents!' occupied as much as a quarter of an hour. I can therefore confidently locate at ten minutes before two the moment that I noticed her: the unhappy woman with the unfinished face.

*Excerpted from* The Killings at Kingfisher Hill *by Sophie Hannah, with permission from HarperCollins Publishers India.*

## NUGGETS

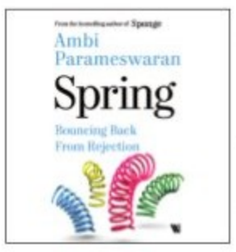
### Dutch author youngest International Booker Prize winner

*The Discomfort of Evening*,' the debut novel written by 29-year-old Dutch author Marieke Lucas Rijneveld and translated from Dutch by Michele Hutchison, has been announced as the winner of The 2020 International Booker Prize. Rijneveld has become is the youngest author to win prestigious award. The Dutch edition was a bestseller in the Netherlands, where it won the ANV Debut Prize. The 50,000 prize will be split between Marieke Lucas Rijneveld and Michele Hutchison, giving both the author and translator equal recognition. The winner was announced by chair of the judges, Ted Hodgkinson at a digital live-streamed event.

–IANS

### New book on the block

Author and advertising veteran, Ambi Parameswaran has announced his next book, *Spring – Bouncing Back From Rejection*. Known for his lucid style of writing, Parameswaran has put down the various stories of rejection from his own life as well as those encountered by some of the biggest names across various fields of work like business, design, arts, entertainment, etc. The book is published by Westland Publications under their Business Imprint – Westland Business is aimed at 20 to 40-year olds who are struggling with challenges and rejection fears. Spring is packed with tales of rejection and redemption. From Walt Disney, The Beatles, Thomas Alva Edison, Michael Jordan, to Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the founders of Infosys, author Amish Tripathi and others have all used rejections as a pivot to swing their careers and businesses around.

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**URBAN BOURBON**
**Hriday Ranjan**
**Writer, comedian**

# GETTING A GRIP OVER MENTAL HEALTH DURING PANDEMIC

Dear reader, I've been writing this column for nearly three years now. Through my column, I've tried to address issues that might not seem earth-shattering on the surface, but are an integral part of our lives – issues like traffic, and idli vendors who don't give enough chutney. But over the last six months, my articles have revolved around the pandemic and adapting to a life indoors.

When younger, I was told to write keeping an imaginary reader in mind. My imaginary reader is a youngster who takes long lunch-breaks between shifts and reads the newspaper. And then goes on to read the city supplement and find my column. If I have done a good job, I'd probably conjure a few smiles. The reason why my column kept addressing life in a pandemic was because I felt it would be superficial to complain about insufficient chutney at such times.

Over the last six months, we have been asked to take precautions, wear masks, and avoid groups. And yet, while we physically deal with the pandemic, nobody seems to be speaking about mental health.

It's like we are hiding a family secret, or a difficult break-up.

Right off the bat, I'll admit the pandemic has wreaked havoc with my mental state. As a stand-up comedian and film reviewer, I lost my two primary sources of income. For a few months, I drowned myself in alcohol. I'd begin the nights as Tintin, adventurous and playful. I'd end the nights as Captain Haddock – angry and drunk beyond my wits.

When I finally decided to address it, I found that all my friends were going through the same issue.

One cannot look at news channels for any solutions. From the calm, composed days of Doordarshan news, we have reached a fish-market of opinions and accusations. Social media apps are no help either - their entire algorithms being based on eliciting emotions out of you. I logged out of the Big F, and deleted Dinstagram.

They say that the answer always lies within – but whoever said this lived before Google. The G-god suggested meditation. As a child, I was forced to meditate for two hours a day. While the intentions were noble, it seemed a punishment that was worse than standing against the wall in 'chair' position.

We were asked to free our minds off thoughts, or to focus on a flame in a dark room. I either fell asleep, or squirmed uncomfortably in my position for the entire duration. Thankfully, there are apps that one could download today. I'd connect my earphones, close my eyes, and try to reach within.

Only to be notified about a farmhouse party that was attended by A-list Bollywood superstars!

In ancient days, one went to a forest and found one's guru. I went on YouTube. I found Sadhguru too simplistic, and Deepak Chopra too confusing. Osho made me want to reach out for a bottle of vodka. Lost in confusion, I gave up my pursuit for a digital guru. I found that I was only experiencing a blip of noiselessness. It was too short to grasp, and too alien to understand.

And then, I found my answer. In my colony, there are tiny puppies that run across the road every day.

They come in different colours, and their bobbing ears are oblivious to pandemics and global recessions. Every evening, I feed them and return to my room. What all the apps and gurus of the world could not provide me, the little squeaky puppies did. That is how I found my daily oasis, and I hope dear reader, you find yours too!

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# Support pours in for Jaya Bachchan after her Parliament speech

While a section of netizens are trolling veteran actress Jaya Bachchan for her Rajya Sabha speech alleging that a continuous attempt to defame the film industry is being made, she has found support among several Bollywood celebrities.

Jaya Bachchan's Parliament speech is an indirect jibe at actress Kangana Ranaut and actor-politician Raji Kishan who claimed that drug addiction exists in the film industry.

Sharing a video clip of her speech on Twitter, Bollywood actress Taapsee Pannu tweeted from her verified account: "For we have always stood by the initiatives, causes and awareness campaigns. It's time for payback. Hitting the nail on its head and how! yet again a woman from the industry spoke up #Respect."

"Respect. She has always stood up to be counted when it mattered. #JayaBachchan," tweeted actor-filmmaker Farhan Akhtar from his verified account.

Filmmaker Anubhav Sinha tweeted in Hindi from his verified account which translates to: "I send my best regards to Jaya Ji. Those who don't know, please see this is how the spinal cord looks."

"I stand with JayaBachchan as Kangana Ranaut put it Bollywood is a Gutter so JayaJi said that Jis thali mein khate hai ussi mein ched nahi karte And those who hv made a name here don't spoil the name of Bollywood, as for drugs they made fleeting comments if they knw names name them," tweeted actress-politician Nagma from her verified account.

# GANESH TO BEGIN POST-LOCKDOWN STINT WITH *TRIBBLE RIDING*

**The Golden Star, who is teaming up with Mahesh Gowda for a comedy family entainer, will begin shooting from second week of October**

Mahesh Gowda

Ganesh

• A Sharadhaa

Ganesh has a few projects, including director Yogaraj Bhat's *Gaalipata 2* and Suni's *Sakat,* at different stages of shooting. Meanwhile, he has decided to kick start shooting for his new venture, *Tribble Riding*, which will be the Golden Star's first project to begin post lockdown. The actor is teaming up with Mahesh Gowda, who made his debut with the Vinod Prabhakar-starrer *Rugged*. The team is getting ready for the shooting, which will begin in Bengaluru from second week of October followed by Mysuru and Chickmagalur, for which the locations are getting finalised. *Tribble Riding* is the local pronunciation of 'triple riding', and the film is said to be a family entertainer filled with comedy with elements of love, action, suspense and thrill.

The film, bankrolled by Ramgopal and Arunkumar, will have Ganesh sharing screen space with three heroines, and the director is in the process of finalising the female leads, after which the team plans to do a photo shoot. Apart from the lead actors, *Tribble Riding* will also feature Sadhu Kokila, Rangayana Raghu, Ravi Shankar Gowda, Kuri Pratap, and also senior actors like Umesh and Dingri Nagaraj as part of the cast. Meanwhile, the makers have finalised the technical crew, which will include music director Sai Kartheek, who has predominantly worked in Telugu films and a few Kannada movies, and cinematographer Jai Anand.

# Jonathan Majors to play key role in *Ant-Man 3*

• CE Features

Jonathan Majors is now on board the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). He will play a major role in the third *Ant-Man* film, production of which is rumoured to begin next year. Though no official announcement has been made yet, a report in Deadline claims Majors is likely to play the role of Kang the Conqueror, a time-travelling super-villain.

The film will be directed by Peyton Reed, who also helmed the first two films in the franchise starring Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas and Evangeline Lilly. Rick and Morty writer Jeff Loveness has penned the script and Marvel Studios chief Kevin Feige is attached to produce.

# 'Wanted to share my relationships in good light'

**... says Masaba Gupta as she and Neena Gupta talk about playing themselves in *Masaba Masaba*, out on Netflix**

• Shilajit Mitra

Masaba Gupta was stumped by an early pitch for *Masaba Masaba*. Was it a documentary? Was it fiction? 'Auto-fiction' — as the genre is widely known — was virtually unheard of on the Indian small screen. Moreover, the famed designer had never acted before, and was unsure of making the leap. Still, as the makers pressed on and the writing commenced, Masaba warmed up to the concept. It was of course crucial that she steered the screenplay. "The catharsis and peace of reliving everything happened at the scripting stage," she says. "While filming, I had more of an out-of-body experience. I actually thought this was a character I was given to play, and just happened to know her journey and what she's like in person."

Streaming on Netflix, the six-part series offers a fictional peek into the lives of Masaba and Neena Gupta. The show starts amid the failing marriage of Masaba and her on-screen husband (in life, she was married to producer Madhu Mantena from 2015-2019). Other aspects of her life and career — her doting, but spiky relationship with her mother, old and new affairs — flit in and out of the narrative. It's been alleged that the show skims over the difficult pages of her life. Masaba, for her part, chalks it down to personal choice. "There's a line we didn't cross in terms of what I wanted to share," she says. "My relationships — be it with my parents, my friends, or my ex-husband — I wanted to share them in a good light. Because that's what they've been to me."

The fullness of the title aside, the show is as much about Neena Gupta. The veteran actor has been enjoying a wondrous second inning post the success of Badhaai Ho (2018). The show, however, locates her a few years prior, as a has-been star angling for a leading role. There's also a lovely throwback to her heyday on TV, as the stern host of the short-lived game show Kamzor Kadi Kaun. "I remember when I used to do Kamzor Kadi Kaun, a lot of people didn't like me in that part," Neena recalls. "That's why it didn't do well, because people did not like me being rude."

Neena adds that her relationship with Masaba is faithfully depicted in the show. "Ours is a normal parent-child relationship," she says. "It's how any mother-daughter pair in the world is."

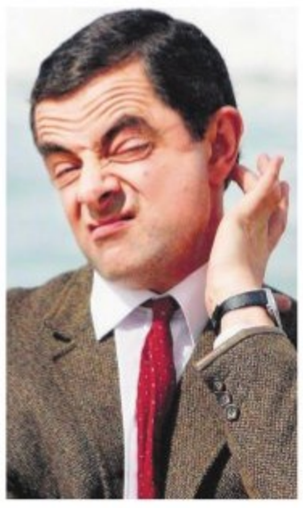
As befits a series about the fashion and entertainment worlds, Masaba Masaba is packed with cameos. Kiara Advani plays an ultra-vain version of herself. Farah Khan appears as a filmmaker remaking an 80s classic (she breezily slips behind a Katrina Kaif cut-out in her office). Tired of waiting around, Neena unloads her frustrations in a social media post. This leads to a song collaboration with Mithila Palkar. Elsewhere, Shibani Dandekar hosts a bizarre art show and corners Masaba into a purchase. Gajraj Rao, Neena's Badhaai Ho co-star, also drops by near the end.

"Just to poke fun at yourself is so new for Indian cinema," Masaba says. "For the show, I expected only these people to do it. They gave the writers a complete free-hand in what they wanted to do. We made sure that whoever we got, they played the craziest version of themselves."

Fun and glitzy in tone, Sonam Nair's show often veers into satire. The pilot episode is woven around a blind item doing the rounds on Masaba's marriage. This comes at a time when a wide section of the media is being accused of undue intrusion in celebrities' lives. Neena Gupta, who once filled fashion magazines and gossip columns alike, has this to say about the situation. "It's always disturbing when something is written about you that isn't one per cent true," she notes.

A still from *Masaba Masaba*

# Childish, anarchic behaviour always funny, says Rowan Atkinson



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The popular Rowan Atkinson-starrer series, *Mr. Bean*, has completed a 30-year run. The English comedian star said he always believed that the show had a very good chance of being successful and long-running, partly because the character is essentially a child in a mans body.

"I always believed that *Mr. Bean* had a very good chance of being successful and having longevity, partly because the comedy is mainly visual and partly because Mr. Bean is essentially a child in a man's body. Across all races and cultures, the behaviour of children tends to be the same and so is easily identified and laughed at," Atkinson said.

What makes *Mr Bean* relevant today, 30 years on? "His childish, anarchic behaviour will always be funny," Atkinson replied.

Talking about his fondest memories from filming Mr. Bean, Atkinson said that he found filming the show "stressful."

"I'm sorry to say that I find all filming stressful but *Mr. Bean* especially so, because of the burden of responsibility I feel to make it funny. Of course, you have support from other excellent actors but whether the jokes work or not tends to be down to me. And that's stressful," the 65-year-old actor reasoned.

**MS REPRESENTATION**

# The curious case of *Cuties*

• Ashameera Aiyappan

Sitting at a beauty parlour, one day, I saw a young girl, barely 12-13 years old, walk in to get her perfectly natural eyebrows threaded. The beautician asked if she had come alone, and she showed that she had the money for the service. The beautician refused and asked the girl to return with her mother. This incident, though overtly harmless, disturbed me. I kept seeing variations of this incident everywhere: on social media, where tweens and teens pretend to be an adult and pose in grown-up clothes and makeup; on reality shows where children trudge through grown-up routines; and in life itself.

The more I see this, the more I cherish and feel thankful for the innocence I had when growing up. This is what Maïmouna Doucoure says through her debut film, *Cuties* (Mignonnes in French), which sparked off a huge global controversy after Netflix, which acquired the French film, dropped a poster of the four girls in sexualised clothing. Widespread condemnations of the film were issued by those who had not seen the film. #CancelNetflix began trending, and Netflix later issued an apology, agreeing that the poster was not representative of the film. However, the platform defended Cuties for being a commentary on child sexualisation.

It is imperative that we get a couple of things out of the way first. The first is obvious. Don't judge a film before you see it. The second: depiction isn't always endorsement. Once you watch *Cuties, i*t becomes clear that the film's heart is in the right place. Doucoure explores the invisible trauma that children carry that is often dismissed without engagement. Coming from a conservative family, the eleven-year-old Amy yearns for attention. When she doesn't get it from her mother, who is traumatised by her own problematic marriage, Amy gets fascinated by the Cuties: a provocative tween dance group. And it is tough to ignore the Cuties. Loud, brash, disturbingly precocious, and incredibly misguided, they demand attention.

The film's strength is when it bares this dichotomy onscreen. These girls might be dressed in provocative clothes, and might act like adults, but often, we see the children they truly are. These children who mistake a used condom for a balloon, 'learn' about sex and rape from porn... We often forget how corrosive misguided information can be. Fuelled by the curiosity of puberty, they break societal rules with a half-baked understanding of sexual liberation. They give themselves flawed goals and standards for beauty, ones that erode their inherent self-worth.

All of this is to depict how troublesome reality is, and how important it is to address it. When the girls are dragged away by school authorities, they cry for 'freedom'. They sneak into a laser tag arcade and accuse the security of 'copping a feel' as he drags them out. And even more worryingly, Amy persuades a perverted guard to let them go, twerking her way out of the situation. It is a hazardous lesson for Amy, who tries again later to use her body to get out of a difficult situation.

However, there are sequences where I was uncomfortable with the gaze. The camera, almost voyeuristically, zooms in to focus on the midriffs and backs of these children when they rehearse. These shots are attempts to make us uncomfortable, and they succeed. But is this the best way to achieve that discomfort? Considering the sensitivity of the theme in hand, is hyper-sexualisation the best tool to use against the problem of hyper-sexualization? To invoke support for a campaign against deforestation, would we cut a tree? (This reminds me of what a friend once remarked about rape sequences in our cinema: We always only see the pain of the victim, but rarely the perversion of the perpetrator. The victim's pain is highlighted, while the perpetrator's wickedness remains in the shadows.) Cuties also doesn't really help us understand the conservative mother's apathy towards Amy. Not all story threads tie together.

*Cuties* is flawed, yes, but it is bold. It reminds us how we ignore children, and often don't engage them with the respect and empathy they deserve. But I do wonder how *Cuties* would have fared had the camera maintained a respectable distance, opting to explicitly villanise the apathy of adults and the media influence on these naive minds. Nevertheless, it's a film that deserves a far more nuanced debate than the one that is happening right now.